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M.L. CHINA	7912	T. S. Angus	10th "
* ORIENTAL	7261	F. N. Tillard	17th "
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	24th "
* PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	31st "
M.L. ORIENTAL	8784	F. N. Tillard	7th Feb.
* CALEDONIA	7508	K. H. Gordon	14th "
M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	21st "
EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	28th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7508	K. H. Gordon	7th March
* PENINSULAR	5794	T. Leigh	14th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	21st "
* MASSILIA	5001	G. W. Coleman	28th "
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	4th April
* PENINSULAR	5294	T. Leigh	11th "
M.L. BRITANNIA	6325	F. H. Seymour	18th "
* MASSILIA	5011	G. W. Coleman	25th "
M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	2nd May
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a TIROL	Bretfel	2,771	29th Feb. 1903
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No Carriages will be permitted to drive along Lansdowne Road towards the Apollo Bandar, after 4-45 P.M.

The Public attending the Mandap erected at the Pier Head are requested to be in their places by 5-30 P.M.

The Saluting Battery being near Lansdowne Road where all empty Carriages will be parked, owners of nervous horses are advised to send their carriages to a safe distance by the Lansdowne Road towards Colaba. The following roads will be closed to heavy traffic from 4 p.m., to 5-30 P.M.

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ESPLANADE ROAD,
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H. G. GELL,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

Police Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 26th December, 1902.

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No. 71.

THIS is to notify that Mr. DARABSHAW PESTONJI DINSHAW ADENWALA, Stevedore of Bombay is, in accordance with Clause No. 45 of the Bye-laws of the Bombay Port Trust (made for the regulation and management of the Wet Docks), hereby Licensed by the Trustees of the Port to work in the Docks as Stevedore in Discharging and Loading Cargo, up to 30th June, 1904, subject to, and in conformity with the Dock Bye-laws, copies of which have been supplied to him by the Dock Superintendent, and all further Bye-laws, Copies of which may be hereafter supplied to him.—Dated this 15th day of November, 1902.

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2. The Municipal Act provides that the Executive Engineer shall devote his whole time and attention to the duties of his office.

3. He should have knowledge of Municipal Engineering in all its Branches, Drainage, Water Works, Road-making, Architecture, etc., etc., and possess ability to administer the various departments employed on the engineering works of a large City. Other qualifications being equal, preference will be given to Engineers possessing knowledge of Sanitary Engineering.

4. The appointment, which is subject to confirmation by the Local Government, will be for a renewable term of five years. The incumbent is liable to removal during his term of office for misconduct, or for neglect of, or incapacity for, his duties on the votes of not less than two-thirds of the Councillors present at a meeting of the Corporation.

5. The minimum monthly salary of the appointment is at present fixed by law at Rs. 1,200 and the maximum at Rs. 1,400. The Corporation have requested the Local Government to amend the Municipal Act by raising the maximum salary to Rs. 2,000 per mensem, and Government have expressed their intention to introduce legislation for this purpose at an early date. The service is pensionable under the Pension Rules of the Bombay Municipality, information regarding which and regarding Leave rules can be obtained on a reference to the undersigned in Bombay, or to Messrs. William Watson and Co., No. 7, Waterloo Place, London, to whom the Corporation are taking steps for the amendment of the existing Rules so as to admit of the Executive Engineer retiring, after 15 years' approved service, on a pension of Rs. 600 per mensem.

6. Applicants should state the minimum initial salary (in Rupees) within the limits above mentioned which they are willing to accept.

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		10 years.	15 years.	20 years.	15 years.	20 years.	25 years.	
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 6	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
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24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	38 10	26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 5	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
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Mr. William Riding, the proprietor of the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, near Manchester, writes: It is with great pleasure I write and tell you what a wonderful cure Clarke's Blood Mixture has made of my leg. I suffered for three years with a bad leg and tried almost every ointment there was, and was also under several doctors without deriving any benefit. The last doctor said he could do me no good and that I should have to go to the Manchester Infirmary and have all the bad flesh scraped away. I really thought my leg would have to come off. I saw Clarke's Blood Mixture advertised, but was no believer in advertised remedies, and was just on the eve of going to the infirmary when I decided to give it a trial. I took three large bottles, which entirely cured me, and shall never be tired of giving Clarke's Blood Mixture praise. Scores of travellers saw my leg when it was bad, and they say the cure is a miracle. I have been waiting to see if it would break out again before sending this testimonial, but I am now convinced it is a lasting cure."

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RHEUMATISM AND BLOOD DISORDER CURED.

"IT WORKS WONDERS."

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THE ONLY THING FOR ECZEMA.

A WHOLE FAMILY CURED.

Mr. C. A. J. Cook, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Faraday-road, North Kensington, W., writes: "I have suffered from birth with blotches, pimples and disfigurements of the face, and what I now find was 'Eczema,' by my five children having the same complaint. My two eldest sons, aged eleven and seven, were sent home from school in February, 1899, and I was asked not to send them again until they were better, as they could not be allowed to sit in the class with the other children. My wife took them to two hospitals, where they gave her ointment and told her not to wash them with soap and the blotches would go away. This was tried for seven months in vain; in fact, they became worse, and we began to think nothing would cure them; then my other three children broke out with the same kind of sores. They could all eat and drink well, which only seemed to feed the complaint.

"When one day I was on a tramcar going to Tottenham with two of my children, a gentleman of spoke to me, saying, 'Your children have Eczema very badly, and the only thing that will do them any good is Clarke's Blood Mixture.' I promised him before he left the tramcar that I would try it. My wife got a bottle from Harrod's Stores, and we all commenced taking it. After we had taken three bottles my children and myself began to lose all the blotches and pimples; and now we have quite different complexions, the Eczema having disappeared. I think the least we can do is to praise Clarke's Blood Mixture for the great cure it has effected with us all.

"As I see thousands of people suffering with Eczema and blotches, you may use this in any way you think fit, and quote these six cases, telling of the benefit my children gained by taking notice of what a stranger said to me about Clarke's Blood Mixture."

"TURNED OUT INCURABLE."

TWO YEARS SUFFERING WITH ABSCESSES.

Mr. Fox Morton, 20, Back Oak-street, Heckmondwike, writes: "I have much pleasure in praising Clarke's Blood Mixture, as I have received great benefit from it. I suffered terribly with abscesses, having seven of them, and could get no relief for two years. I was taken to the Infirmary, and after 13 weeks' treatment was turned out incurable, and given up by several Doctors. A kind friend having heard of the wonderful effect of Clarke's Blood Mixture advised me to try it. I did so, and after one bottle I was able to sit up in bed; so I continued with it, and gradually got stronger. When I had taken six bottles I was able to walk without sticks. I am pleased to say I am quite well now, and have been working twelve months."—Dec. 17, 1901

SOLDIER CURED IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	£93 1/16	= unchanged
3 per cent. Rentes	£93 1/2	= "
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	£107	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£95	= −1/16

SILVER—

Spot in London	21 1/4	= −3/16
2 months hence	22 1/4	= −3/16
Spot in New York	48 1/8	= −1/4

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·14 1/2	= unchanged
Berlin	20·43 1/2	= "
New York Demand	4·86 3/4	= +1-8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	pr ct = "
3 months sight Bank Bills	4	pr ct = "
6	3 3/4	pr ct = "
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1/4	pr ct = "
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 3/8	pr ct = "

INTEREST—

Day to-day loans	3 3/4	pr ct = "
7 day market loans	4	pr ct = "

Rubber.—Para Rubber 3s, 91-2 d.

Rapeseed Yellow Guz rat 34 3-4, Dec.-Jan. Dunkirk sellers.

Rapeseed—Y How Cawnpore 34 Dec.-Jan. Antwerp Sellers. Tone of Rapeseed easier.

Coffee—Coffee in New York, 5 1-4.

In Liverpool—

Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 8,000. Sold on speculation and for Export 500.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar	Mar.-Apl.
4·47	4·47	4·47	4·47
Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July	July.-Aug. Aug.-Sept
4·48	4·48	4·48	4·48 4·41

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	69,000 bales.
Do. last year	43,000 "
Exports to Great Britain	22,000 "
Do. Continent	50,000 "
Mid-Uplands	8·75
Futures, month of Dec.	8·48
Do. do. March	8·32

In New Orleans—

Spot	8 1-4
Futures, month of March	8 22
Do. June	8·40
Tone at close	steady.

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

During the past week the local Banks have been closed for three days for the Christmas holidays, and all the markets were more or less closed. We have therefore only two open days in which business was reported. The weather on this side of India has assumed a more settled appearance and the cloudy drizzly weather referred to last week has given way to bright sunshine. It is generally reported that the late rains have caused only very slight damage to the growing crops, and they will probably benefit from them a little later in the season. There have been many complaints raised of the interference with business caused by the heavy rail borne traffic in connection with the great Delhi Durbar and the consequent blocking of the line for ordinary trade purposes. This will probably continue for several days into the New Year, and it will be some time yet before the regular goods traffic can be resumed.

There is little change to record in our local Cotton market. Fairly heavy shipments to Europe are in progress, but for the farther East the shipments are on a very limited scale. This is quite a reversal of the state of affairs ruling at this time last year. There is a very moderate inquiry from the Mills for ready cotton at Colaba, and the Spot purchases reported continue to be chiefly on account of shippers to Europe. Some heavy deliveries have been made during the week against former contracts made for 25th December, but we hear of little business now passing for future deliveries. The tone of the market continues quite steady and there is little difference in prices as quoted last mail. The improved enquiry for local Yarns to which we referred last week, has not yet assumed sufficient importance to have much effect on the purchases of the raw material by the Mills, but it is to be hoped that a much better demand may arise with the turn of the New Year, and that some excitement may be introduced into this important industry, which has now been lagging for some little time.

In the Seeds market, Linseed has taken an upward turn for ready delivery chiefly due to purchases for December shipments, and also to the fact that available stocks are not very large. For the new crop the market is quiet with no change in rates, and very little enquiry. Rapeseed remains quiet and unchanged with little or nothing doing ready or forward. Poppy seed continues very firm for ready with stocks almost exhausted, and is also firm for new crop, April May, with, however, little business passing. Castorseed and Groundnuts both remain quiet and unchanged. Maize is slightly easier at about Rs. 19. Cottonseed is also quiet with fairly large supplies coming to hand, but shipments continue on a liberal scale. Gingelly seed is dull with heavy arrivals and but little enquiry from shippers. Prices are about half to one rupee lower than last mail's quotations.

The Freight market is quiet but steady. Shippers having practically arranged for their December shipments, there is little enquiry for ready loading, while for forwards engagements, owners are reported firm in their ideas, and sellers locally are consequently unwilling to make reductions to meet the shipper's demands. The holidays both here and in Europe have also interfered with business in the market and there has been very little booking to report. Quotations are all unchanged.

The following changes appear in the Bank of Bombay statement, dated 20th December, compared with the previous week:—

ASSETS.

Public Deposits	Rs.	4,98,218	Decrease.
Other Deposits	"	2,88,951	Decrease.
Credits Undrawn	"	1,47,315	Decrease.

LIABILITIES.

Government Securities	Rs.	6,13,255	Decrease
Other Authorized Securities		15,300	Decrease.
Credits on Securities	"	3,89,931	Decrease.
Loans do.	"	2,94,708	Decrease.
Bills discounted & purchased		3,89,9 0	Increase.
Balance with other Banks	"	66,418	Increase.
Cash	"	91,818	Increase.

These figures show a small increase of 1·41 lakhs in the Trade Demand. The Bank of Bengal statement has been issued this week. On Tuesday afternoon the Directors of the Bank of Bombay raised the local Bank rate to 5 per cent. per annum, bringing it on a level with the Bank of Bengal, which was raised last week. The Monday market shows a hardening tendency, as is customary at this time of the year. There is no change to report in the quotations for fixed deposits. The present Bank rates are now similar to those current last Christmas.

The mail of the 12th December brings £120,000 silver and £20,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	54,40 000
Bombay	"	7,30 000
Madras	"	30 000
	Rs.	62,00,000

The mail of the 19th December brings £40,000 silver and £30,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	23,70,000
Bombay	"	31,80,000
Madras	"	5 40,000
	Rs.	60,50,000

The mail of the 26th December brings £140,000 silver and £20,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	21,70,000
Bombay	"	18,20,000
Madras	"	20 10,000
	Rs.	60,00,000

In the Sterling Exchange market a moderate amount of bills were reported placed on the two days the Banks were open, early in the week. The enquiry for Bank paper was very moderate and there was no change to record in the quotations, as given last mail. For forward delivery Banks were not so keen to buy 3 months sight D. A. Credits at 1s. 4 1-4d. for all January, and at the close it was doubtful if bills could be sold at the rate beyond the first mail or two in the New Year. For further forward delivery rates were slightly irregular and the bulk of the business reported was for near delivery only Private Wire was placed at 1s. 4 1-16d. into the early part of January, and Bank Wire was obtainable at the same rate for the latter part of that month. The tone of the market was quite steady and slightly better rates for Bank paper were advised from Calcutta for ready delivery, than were quoted by the Banks locally.

The 3 1-2 per cent Government Paper market eased off early in the week, and sales by option dealers brought the rate for the coming settlement down to 97-1. An enquiry arising from investors for cash paper caused a reaction, and the quotation was again raised to Rs. 97-4. The tone of the market is quite and lower rates seem to be generally anticipated in the near future. There are indications of a hardening tone in the money Market, and an active demand will probably arise early in the year, when freer arrivals of produce are expected, and money will be required up-country for trade purposes. After the Coronation festivities are over, and the block on the railways now caused by the Delhi Durbar is freed trade will again resume normal conditions, and a rush of produce to the ports of embarkation is expected. All these points are against the maintenance of present rates for Government paper and any decline below 97 will bring out free sellers against option purchases. However, the Bulls may succeed in keeping up the rates until the settlement day, though this seems improbable.

	Repayable,	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	101
4 per cent " "	1950	101 1-2
4 per cent " "	1-32	102
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1923	99 1-2
3 per cent " "	1940	1 0
5 per cent " "	Tanna	114 1-2
5 per cent " "	Sanitary	113
4 per cent Bo. Improvement Trust	1939	99 2
4 per cent " "	1962	102

Prices of Bullion:—

English Bar silver, ex duty, Ready		56-12
Do. do	1st Settlement	57-0
Do. do	2nd do.	56-10
English Bar gold, Ready		24-0-6

A moderate business was done in Silver during the two days on which the Banks were open, At the close the tone of the market is quiet, Silver was sold by the Banks to the bazar, In gold we hear of very little doing.

In the Piece Goods market there is no special change to report.

There is no demand from up-country partly owing to the Delhi Durbar where business has entirely stopped, and partly owing to plague in Cawnpore and Amritsar. Clearances are on a fair scale and prices continue steady. No forward business is reported to have been done, but a few ready sales have been effected.

In the local yarn market there was an easier tone at the close of last week, but the market has again firmed up and is steady at the top rates. There is a fair enquiry and a moderate business has been reported.

In Metals the Copper and Yellow metal markets are steady and forward business is reported this week at about £62 to £63 for copper and about £52 to £52-10 s. for yellow metal. Iron there is not much inquiry and no business has been done. Quicksilver and spelter are steady and a moderate business is passing. Pig lead and tin plates are dull with nothing doing.

After our last report the market opened only for two days during the week under report and only a few transactions have been reported. The market is steady but nearly unchanged. Bank of Bombay shares have changed hands at Rs. 1297 1-2 to 1300 and Commercials have improved to 52. In Press shares Mofussils have changed hand at Rs. 450 Indians are steady at 160 and Bears and Volkarts unchanged at Rs. 525 and 1,000 without much doing in them. In Railway Companies, Ahmedabad Prantej are unchanged at Rs. 557 1-2 and Tapti Valley are steady at Rs. 432 1-2. In mill shares Centrals have advanced to 1510 Client are quiet at Rs. 450 James Greaves have changed hands at Rs. 1890 Colaba Land and Mill shares are unchanged at Rs. 390; Howard and Bullough are quiet at Rs. 230 and Lipolds are weak at Rs. 105 Manockji Petits have improved to 1785. Kohinoors are weak at Rs. 280, Swedeshis are steady at Rs. 655 In miscellaneous list Kemp have changed hands at Rs. 245 Treasurers are quiet at Rs. 605 Port Oenwings are quiet at Rs. 425 Telephones are unchanged at Rs. 24. Tearest of the Companies are all Cum-dividend at Rs. previous quotation.

The following were the closing quotations on Tuesday.

EXCHANGE—Tone steady,

Bank T. T.			1s. 4d.
Bank Demand			1s. 4 1-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.			1s. 4 1-4d.
Do	6 do	do	1s. 4 3-8d.
French Francs	3 do	do	107 1-4
Marks	3 do	do	138 1-2
Hongkong	30 Days' Sight		118 1-2
Shanghai	30 "	"	163
Japan	30 "	"	152 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent—Tone steady

Cash	Rs.	97-5
1st Settlement	Rs.	97-4

Money Market—Tone steadier.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 2nd October	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 23rd December	5	do.
Bank of Bengal do. 18th Dec.	5	do.
Bank of Madras do. 30th June	4	do.

SEEDS.

	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.
Linseed.—				
Ready Strong			8	8
Forward April-May quiet			7	13
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.				
Brown Gawpore Ready			8	6
Yellow Gawpore Ready			5	13
Do. Gujarat				
Do. Forword April-May			6	5
Poppyseed.—				
Ready Steady			8	5
Forward April-May Firm			7	9
Castorseed—Tone quiet.				
Ready	23	8		
Forward April-May.			23	3-4
Groundnuts—Tone steady.				
Forward Jany-Feby			35	12
Gingellyseed.—Tone dull,				
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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	93 1-16
3 per cent Rentes	99 1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	107
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	65
Bar Silver	22 1-4

DIVINE SERVICE.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER XMAS, 28TH DECEMBER.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral.
Hymns—51, 63, 319 and 445.
4 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—60, 165 and 379.
Collections for the Sunday School.
Daily Matins at 6-15 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily 11-15 Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church)

11 a.m.—Parade Service.
8 a.m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion.
Hymns—317, 107 and 432.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Hymns—30, 69, 62 and 65.
Offertories during the day for General Church Expenses.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

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11 a.m.—Joint Service (St. Andrew's Church.) Rev Alex Crichton.
6-00 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
6 p.m.—Evening Service by Rev. Alex. Crichton.
Hymns—379, 306 and 534. Psalm 9 verses 1-4. Paraph 53.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

10-30 a.m.—Matins.
6 30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

DAILY.

7-45 a.m.—Matins.
7-15 p.m.—Evensong.
The north door of the Church is left open every day till sunset for private prayer.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service.
Psalm—24 vs. 1-5.
Hymns—241, 143 and 182.
4-00 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Paraphrase 2 Tune 112.
Hymns—302, 303 2nd tune and 246.
Te Deum—Jackson.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9 a.m.—Solemn Eucharist. Preacher Rev Fr Nicholson.
10 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Solemn Evensong. Preacher Rev Fr Torey.
Alms for Choir and Organ.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

8 a.m.—Litany and Holy Communion.
9-30 p.m.—Service for the young.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev H McNeile.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.

(Madras Time)

7 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
8-30 a.m.—Mattins and Sermon.
Hymns—28, 62 and 48.
8-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Choral.
Hymns—30, 395, 551 and 59.

BOMBAY 4TH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, 3rd January, 1903.

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EUROPE.

MARRIAGES.

DALZELL—KNATCHBULL—Dec 4, at St Peters Eaton Square, Lieut-Col the Hon A E Dalzell commanding 1st batt Gtr rd Light Inf, to Muriel Wyndham, daughter of Col N Knatchbull.

HEARD—ALLAN—Dec. 3, at Monkstown Parish Church, C a S F Heard, Royal Marine Light Inf to Florence Roberts, daughter of the late A W Allan.

LONGDEN—HEWITT—Dec. 6, at All Saints', Ryde, Lieut H W Longden, R N, of H M S Excellent, son of the late Sir J Longden, G C M G, J P, to Emily Gretchen, daughter of the late A Hewitt, J P

MACVITTIE—BOUSFIELD—Dec. 6, at Holy Trinity Church, S. Kensington, C B MacVittie, captain Army Service Corps son of Surg-Gen MacVittie, honorary physician to the King, to Florence, daughter of the late H Bousfield.

PRIESTLEY—PARRY—Dec, 4, at St Michael's Church, Stisted, F J Lloyd, son of the Rev H S Priestley, to Pearl, daughter of Lieut-Col Parry.

DEATHS.

ANDREWS—Dec. 4, at Coworo, Castlenau, Barnes, Capt L S Andrews aged 56.

BLACKBURNE—Dec. 7, at Rathfarnham Castle, Co Dublin, Edmund son of the late Right Hon F Blackburne, sometime Lord Chancellor of Ireland, aged 0.

COWEN—Dec. 5, at Pollilmore Terrace, Kensington Col C Bowen late Royal Engineers and Chief Secretary Public Works Dept to Mysore Government.

CHICHESTER—Dec. 8, at Teighmore, Wimborne Dorset, Major-Gen R B Chichester, late 51st Regt aged 77.

DOUGLAS—Dec. 1, at Old Inn House, Penshurst A G G, son of Admiral R G Douglas aged 18.

HUNT—Dec. 5, at Ramsgate, Col S Hunt retired Indian Staff Corps aged 56.

KEANE—Dec. 3, at Victoria Street, Westminster, widow of Lieut-Col G M Keane, late 17th Lancers aged 80.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

LEASK—Christmas Day, at Sea Bank Harkness Road, Malabar Hill, James Leask, Divisional Health Officer Bombay Municipality.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ATKINSON—December 20, at Orme's Road, Kilpauk, Madras, the wife of J H Atkinson, of a daughter.

CHAUDHURI—December 11, at Nellore, the wife of Captain N Chaudhuri, I M S, of a son.

COCHRANE—December 14, at Muzaffurpur, the wife of Captain Cochrane, I M S, of a daughter.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 31m. High water 9-41m., 10-49s. Low water, 4-0m., 3-34s.

Arrival of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught in Bombay, Apollo Bunder.

Bombay Races, Third Extra Meeting.

People's Fair on the Esplanade.

Poor Christian Widows' Coronation Fete, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 31m. High water 10-21m., 11-22s. Low water, 4 38m., 4-9s.

People's Fair on the Esplanade.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Gulf of Trinidad left the dock on the 24th, and the steamer News ferry on this day.

PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—Members meet at the Club Tent at 6-45 a. m. to-morrow for a run to Bandora via Vellard and back.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Kagoshima Maru entered the dock on the 24 inst. and the steamer Haddon Hall yesterday; the steamer Matia and Baron left the dock on the 24th, and the steamers Tannel-fels and Egypt left yesterday.

BOMBAY POLICE COURTS.—Urgent applications in the Police Courts will be received by Mr. H. Desai at the Mazagon Police Court up till the 1st of January 1903 and by Mr Korsondas Cooblidas at the Esplanade Police Court; from the 2nd January 1903 to the 9th.

DEPARTURE TO DELHI.—Amongst the passengers who left Bombay from the Grant Road Station for the Delhi Durbar on Wednesday and Thursday were: General Pagan, the Hon. Mr. Basil Scott, the Hon. Mr. Daji Abaji Khare, and Mr. Dayaram Gidumall.

MUSIC AT THE PEOPLE'S FAIR.—The band of the 23rd Bombay Rifles will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. M. Fradelt, Band Master, at the Peoples. Fair commencing at 5 p.m.

March	Synwood—Hume
Overture	Bauer and Ditenber—Suppe
Valse	Der Morgenstern—Lake z Ky
Selection	Three Little Maids—Caryll
American Sketch	Down South—Middleton
Galop	Vivats—Zikoff

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ROBBERY AT MALABAR HILL.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur the Mazagaon Police Court yesterday, Inspector Cheen charged Hassan Mahomed, a notorious character, with the theft of a silver biscuit box valued at Rs. 30 belonging to Mr. G. Oliver, silver vases valued at Rs. 80 belonging to Mr. C. Josh, and a gold bracelet valued at Rs. 40, belonging to Mr. J. H. Dover all residing on Malabar Hill. Accused pleaded guilty to the first two charges and was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment on each charge. The third charge was not proved against him and the Magistrate discharged him on that account.—Syed Mahomed Ebrahim, a Mahomedan, was charged with receiving and disposing of the bracelet by Inspector Cozen. Mr. Jafferboy Rahimtula, Barrister-at-law, defended him. He admitted having received the property, but said that he did not know that it was stolen. The Magistrate fined him Rs. 50, in default he was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

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AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 24.

The sixteenth Indian National Social Conference commenced its sittings this morning in the Congress pandal at Shahi Bough Road. There was a large number of delegates, and many visitors, including several ladies attended.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES.

Rao Bahadur Lalshanker Umeashanker, President of the Reception Committee, in a brief speech accorded a hearty welcome to the delegates and to the ladies, many of whom had come from long distances and at great personal inconveniences. He said the greatness of a country largely depended upon its social condition. There was a time when their country was highly civilized and their nation was considered to be one of the great nations. But circumstances were changed and superstition and selfishness prevailed, and their country began to be degraded. Leaders of societies and heads of castes were responsible for their social condition. It was the duty of the leaders to take into consideration the circumstances of the time and to so alter the customs and usages as to make them suitable to the requirements of the country. But the leaders had failed to do this and the pernicious custom continued. However, their predecessors, enlightened by western education, realised the true condition of their country. They felt it was their duty to do for the welfare of their country, to do good to the society, and to promote the happiness of their countrymen. They began to work earnestly, notwithstanding the opposition of the masses, and soon found their efforts with zeal and energy. As a result of their efforts, female education had now far advanced, and early marriages had been checked to a great extent. The reform in the direction of widow remarriage had also been advanced and over a hundred widow-remarriages had taken place during the last twenty-five years. Gujarat accounting for half the number. It was expected that as education advanced, the number of the reformers would increase, but that expectation was not realised. It was stated that family influences and caste prejudices could not be removed by education. There were some men, who, though they deemed the necessity for reforms, could not join the reform party, simply because the reform party had to lose much and to gain nothing. They were opposed by the masses, harrassed and persecuted. They became sympathisers but did not join the party as active workers. This is why the number of reformers was so small though education had advanced. But the reform was required and he (the speaker) invited the earnest co-operations of those fellow workers and sympathisers who had attended the conference. Zenana system and the objectionable way of demonstrating grief by beating breasts in public streets in Gujarat, ought to be abolished. Amongst the subjects included in the programme were female education, increasing the marriageable age of girls and removal of evil system. There were certain subjects which did not come within the reformers but there were some which were considered to be revolutionary and likely to create active resistance. The re-marriage of widows, travels to England, re-admission into the caste of persons who had changed their religious faith. (Applause.)

MR. CHANDAVARKAR.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar in proposing the election of Dr. R. G. Bhandarkar as the President of the Conference said it was the privilege of those who attended the Conference two years ago to listen to words of wisdom which every few of them could give expression to. Those words had fastened their hopes, gave them not only glimpses but very suggestive ideas of the way in question of social reform—words which thrilled their hearts medicine as they were, and raised them to high ideals. He felt he continued that the salvation of India must come from Gujarat and the Gujarati only. (Applause.) The future of the country rested on economic reasons and on commercial spirit. They might talk as much as they like on political and social spirit, but it was the spirit of commerce and industry which raised the human mind to the highest and loftiest ideal. As a matter of fact, if the case of widow remarriage had made any appreciable progress it was mainly due to the enterprising spirit of the Gujaratis. The late Mr. Justice Ranade used to complain that whenever the Social Conference was approaching, he had to pester social reform bodies in the different parts of the country for the submission of their reports. But he (the speaker) was most agreeably surprised this year to find that enough to hand when only once to those bodies, the reports came of their own accord in the most unexpected manner. He had to impress two points upon his hearers. The first was that in order to achieve success they should all work in spirit of complete harmony, and secondly to secure the co-operation of women in their efforts to attain their objects.

Mr. Motilal Lalbhoy, late Diwan of Cutch, seconded the proposition, which was car

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THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra, 732 tons, Captain J A Robertson, sailed yesterday, for Karachi, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Oripenta 3,429 tons, Captain J Kilpatrick arrived in harbour on the 25th inst, from Calcutta 14th December with a cargo of coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Chilka, 1,477 tons, Captain R G Dogge, sailed yesterday, for Zanzibar, &c, with a general cargo, and Mr and Mrs D'Souza and three children, four natives and 65 deck.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's steamer Mahommadi, 1,522 tons, Captain T A Galley, arrived in harbour on Thursday, from Aden, 14th December, via Cutch Mandvi, with a general cargo and 118 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kerbella, 1,468 tons, Captain H A Sharpe, arrived in harbour on the 25th instant, from Calcutta, 23rd November, with a general cargo and Mr La Burchardies and Mr Watts and 24 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Java, 920 tons, Captain H McDiarmed, arrived in harbour on Thursday, from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 215 cases opium, Mr Duncan, and two children, Mr Siby, Mr A Taft, 23 natives and 77 deck.

THE steamer Mascotte, 2,017 tons, Captain J Johnson, which put in Bombay harbour to make good the damage she sustained in stress of weather in the Gulf of Cambay, after the damage being repaired, she will sail to-day, for Bhownagar with the same bottom cargo.

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Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Crescent	804	Raffin			M H Cassum
Aljafar Sehr	65	Nacoda			H S Sidick
Lady Gordon	316	Robin			M M & Co
Kola	497	Rickford	Karachi		M M & Co
H Bolckow	623	Fox			B & P S N Co
Nizam	2041	Ballen			J M & Co
Massilia	2744	Cockman			P & O Co
Purulia	993	Strafford			M M & Co
Safari	1433	Tepe			A Strandens
Shirley	2128	Satchell			M M & Co
Kinloy	2431	Parker			K N & Co
Annie	2445	Wip			The Captain
Hugin	829	Andrew			Bombay Co
Arab	4167	Farfit			P & O Co
Korbella	1468	Sharpe			M M & Co
Mohommadi	1222	Galley			B & P S N Co
Oripenta	3420	Kilpatrick			M M & Co
Java	920	McDiarmid			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Aleppo	2536	Rayward	Hull	4-1	F Muir & Co
B	Askeb ill	2762	Tudor	Hull	4-1	W & A Graham & Co
C&I	Stolzenfels	1933	Struging	Karachi	26-1	Glade & Co
D&E	Aberceldie	2438	Keith	London	3-1	R Bomebji H&J Ahmadi
		1641	Hansen	Jedda	24-1	B & P S N Co
K	Hollywell	2157	Tointon	Hamburg	27-12	F M & Co
L	R Reunion	1123	Carr			G Mahmed Nowshera H T
		1991	Robinson			M M & Co
N	Fallana	1931	Le Marchand	Somaliland		M M & Co
N	St Templer	2768	Finnis	Havre	7-12	K N & Co
O	R I M S Canning	1568	Comdr Hewett, S	Iand		R I Marine
P	Fort of Belle	1934	Nixon	Mosyn Dep	27-12	F M & Co
Q	Springwell	1943	Chisholm	Antwerp	27-12	M M & Co

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Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Olympia	3218	Osbrone	Liverpool	31-12	W & A G & Co
2	Simla	1015	Hodgson	Karachi	29-12	M M & Co
3	K F Ferdinand	2643	Martinolich	Trieste	2-13	A L S N Co
4	Elea	1702	Seronwaldt			M Yeberr
5	Parramatta	2814	Fox	China		P & O Co
6	Malta	2433	Archer	Ronkiti	24-12	K N & Co
7	Coromandel	2783	Bunnett	China	31-12	P & O S N Co
8	Imperatrix	2393	Bellen	Trieste	1-1	A L S N Co
9	Haddon Hall			Europe		K N & Co
15	Aragonite	878	Davies	Hull	3-1	F Muir & Co
16	Sultan	1781	Ahrens	Zanzibar	6-1	A Strandes

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Gulf of Trinidad...1665 Kemp.....B & P S N Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
25	Java s	McDiarm'd	Busreh, Dec 13
	Onipenta s	Kilpatrick	Calcutta, Dec 14
	Mohommadi s	Galley	Aden, Dec 14
26	Kerbella s	Sharpe	Calcutta, Dec 23
	Arabia s	Parfitt	London, Dec 5
	Haddon Hall s	Buck	Beira, Dec 12

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
26	Tannenfels s	Meyer	Calcutta, &c
	Dumra s	Roberts	Karachi
	Chilka s	Dogge	Zanzibar, &c

THE steamer Mascotte, Captain Johnson, obtained her port clearance yesterday, for Bhownagar.

THE following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—Steamer Kagoshima Maru, for Japan, &c.
" Haddon Hall, for Liverpool, &c.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, DECEMBER 24.

The B. I. S. N. Co's s. s. Rewa left this afternoon.

LIVERPOOL, DECEMBER 24.

The Anchor Line steamer Britannia left here for Bombay this evening.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. D. Mazagon, Extra, left Mojilo Japen) on the 24th instant.

The Florio-Rubattino's Company's s. s. Balduino from Genoa left Suez for Bombay on the 25th instant.

The same Company's s. s. Capri, from Hongkong, left Singapore for Bombay on the same day.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. F. NICHOLSON, A. D. C., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 27th December.

1. The Battalion will parade to-day (Saturday), the 27th instant, on the Oval opposite the High Court at 3-15 p.m. to assist in lining the streets on the occasion of the landing of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

Dress—Review order (Helmet ornaments to be worn, no Putties).

2. The Commandant regrets to have to record the death on the 25th instant, of Major J. Lewis V. D., who for the last ten years has been an active Officer of the Corps, and who throughout his long connection showed the keenest interest in it, and in all well being in every way.

As a mark of respect to his memory, all Officers when in Uniform will wear mourning on the left arm, for two months, from this date.

3. Lieut-Colonel E. Ferrers Nicholson A. D. C. having proceeded on leave of absence, Major T. A. Savage V. D. will assume Command of the Corps from this date.

4. The following Member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to "F" Company:—

No. 5179 Volunteer E. O. Harrison.

5. Leave of absence has been granted to No. 4381 Volunteer H. S. Cassells "D" Company until the 31st March 1903.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL L. P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 27th December.

1. The Corps will parade at the Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 3-0 p.m. to-day for the purpose of lining the streets on the occasion of the arrival H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught.

Dress—Full Dress, putties to be worn.

2. With reference to the above Order the Head-Quarters will be open to-day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the purpose of issuing arms.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Capt. R. A.,
Adjutant B. V. A.

PASSENGERS BY S. S. FRANZ FERDINAND.

The following is the list of passengers proceeding to Trieste, &c., by the Austrian Lloyd's s. s. 'Franz Ferdinand from Victoria Dock No: 3 to-day:—

The Medical Inspection of the Saloon passengers takes place to-day at 5 p.m. sharp at the Victoria Dock No. 3 and Deck passengers must be present at the New Disinfecting Station with all their luggage and bedding at 2 p. m. and after the disinfection is Lt. over proceed directly on Board:—Lt. Col. J. P. Barry, Col. P. H. Mrs. & Miss. Buckland, Mr. & Mrs H.N. Gardner, Consul General W. de Klemm Mr. W. Fribsch, Miss Phillips, Capt. and Mrs. G. S. Shepard, Brig. Genl. F. Ventris.

BOMBAY RACES.

THIRD EXTRA MEETING, SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER.

Entry closed at 8 a.m. on Friday 26th December.

Novice Plate—Distance 1-2 mile.

Mr Sassoon Ezekiel's g a h Kyam 13 2 1-2
Mr George's g a h Alexis 13 2 1-2
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Obyan 13 2 1-2
Mr Cowasjee Burjorjee's b a h Original 13 3 1-2
Mr A A Ajnery's b a h Panther 13 2
Mr A A Ajnery's b a h Jena 13 2 1-2
Mr H A Wills's b a h Little Oriental 13 1 1-1
Colonel Anderson's b a h Good Hope 13 3
Mr Jackson's b a h Little Arthur 13 3 1-2
Mr Sahyne's b a g Rochester 13 3 1-2

TIME AND ORDER OF RUNNING.

		P.	M.
1st Race	The New Comer's Plate	3	10
2nd "	The Novice Plate	3	35
3rd "	The Worli Stakes	4	0
4th "	All Horse Plate	4	30
5th "	The Holiday Plate	5	0
6th "	The Bay Pony Plate	5	25

A SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES, Local Times.

	P.	M.
Colaba	2	20
Church Gate	2	25
Grant Road	2	41
Arrives at Mahaluxmi	2	45

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

All Horse Plate—Orion.
The New Comers Plate—Asteroid, Greatorex and Mintmaster.
The Big Pony Plate—Bandicoot, Olga and Indabha.
The Holiday Plate—Tarik, Huddal, Young Talisman, Shelter, Skirmisher and Young Martaban.

CECIL GRAY,
Secy, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 26th December 1902.

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1902.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

IT is very little short of twelve years since Bombay was decked in gala costume, flags flying, ships dressed, and salutes booming to do honor to the Duke of Connaught on his departure from this historic island at the close of his tenure of the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army. We said farewell then to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, a farewell which was saddened by the sincere regret that the whole Presidency, Europeans and Natives alike, felt at seeing Queen Victoria's son, the genial Commander-in-Chief leave our shores. To-day we heartily welcome the Duke and Duchess who come to represent the Royal Family at the pageant held at Delhi in honor of the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII. Much has occurred in those twelve years. Many who sped the parting guest in March, 1890, have passed away, and may not greet him now. There are many gaps in the foremost ranks of our citizens, but those who remain tender a loyal and sincere welcome to Prince Arthur of Connaught and to Her Royal Highness the Duchess. They will find Bombay changed. It has grown and developed in the dozen years in spite of the visitations, many and heavy, which it has undergone. Bad seasons and an ever-recurring plague epidemic have done their best to crush this city. But the Bombay people are still undaunted. Misfortunes do not utterly depress the spirit of industry and of progress which, grumble as we may at occasional short comings, Bombay possesses in no small measure. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will see, as they are escorted on their way through our City many new and beautiful buildings. The Municipal Offices have risen under the skilful hand of the late Mr. Stevens, the B. B. & C. I. Offices, by the same architect, bear comparison with the Victoria Terminus of the sister Railway line, the Oriental Bank buildings, the Chartered Bank, the Port Trust and British India Palaces are fine additions to the beauties of Bombay. One thing the Duke will not see, a new residence for the Commander-in-Chief, though the military quarters at Colaba have grown up since he relinquished the command. Our defences, the construction of which was proceeded with during his tenure of office, are completed and we may hope that the criticism levelled at them by His Royal Highness in 1890, when they were practically devoid of armament, has now no foundation in fact, and that the fleet, which was then weak in the important item of crews, he may now find provided with its full complement of men and capable of supplementing the defences in case of a surprise attack from a hostile force arriving by sea. Fortunately, since the Duke said farewell to Bombay, no worse enemy has landed on our shores than swarms of tourists, the snapshots from whose kodaks hurt nothing, not even the defences. Another change that we have undergone, some think it a degradation, is the transformation of the Commander-in-Chief into a General Commanding, and his removal as such from the Governor's Council. When the Duke was here he was official member and shared, to the advantage of Bombay, in the deliberations of that Assembly.

Since leaving this Presidency the Duke has had a varied experiences. He and the Duchess completed the tour of the world immediately on leaving India and visited many countries and most of the Dependencies of Great Britain. At home, he has held three commands in rapid succession, the Southern Military District, Aldershot, and Ireland. In all three the Duke distinguished himself by close attention to duty, combined with a sympathy which earned the devotion of all those whom he commanded. In Ireland he and the Duchess were enthusiastically welcomed, for as Colonel of the Rifle Brigade in previous years in Dublin the Duke had endeared himself to the Irish people. There was no doubt as to the cordiality of his reception on his return to the Western Island, just as to-day on landing in the Island of Bombay the hearts of her citizens go out to meet the son of the Great Queen and the brother of their King-Emperor, warm with the memory of the cordial feelings that subsisted between him and them during the six and a half years he resided in India. During the Expedition to Egypt in 1882, the Duke headed the first Brigade of Guards, first division, and after the campaign received the thanks of Parliament. He was the only one of the late Queen's sons who was ever under fire. At Tel el Kebir his division was engaged with the Highland Brigade and in dashing style contributed to the success of that day which broke the power of Arabi Pasha. Special mention of the Duke came to the anxious Queen from Sir Garnet Wolseley. During the Duke's Bombay Command, he made many tours to the different military centres of the Presidency. At Aden the defences guarding that rocky port, were inaugurated under his directions. He visited the Somali Coast and saw for himself the conditions under which we work for the civilisation and protection of the wild tribes of that region.

It is not as the military member of the ruling family that the Duke takes rank in the British Army. It was on his merits as an ardent soldier that he has steadily and laboriously climbed the ladder of promotion, fully earning the successive steps that brought him to the highest rank. In the opinion of many the Duke's only disqualification for the high post of Commander-in-Chief of the British Army is the fact that he was born in the purple, and there is no remedy for this drawback. He has given the best proof of his love for the Army in sending his only son, Prince Arthur Patrick, to serve his country. In peace, there is no lack of work for the Duke, his unflagging energy ever finds an outlet in his military duties. They are performed in the thorough going spirit of the practical soldier. He is indefatigable in attention to every detail that can improve the physique and morale of the men under his command. Winter route marches, gymnastic training, everything that can contribute to the development of their activity and powers of endurance is carried out, while his efforts towards efficiency do not shut out a wise care for their well-being. The Duke and Duchess have always come in for their share of "functions" and in the discharge of these ornamental but trying and monotonous duties they have always proved themselves social experts.

Apart from and beyond the loyalty which suggests a hearty welcome to-day, every section of the people are actuated by a genuine gladness at having again amongst them as guests the Duke and Duchess of Connaught whose many kindly qualities during their residence in Bengal, Bombay and Poona that on the day they left the Apollo Bunder the "Bombay Gazette" observed:—"The Duke has in all ways conformed to the best ideals of a Prince and a soldier; his consort has filled a high place in the Presidency with a kindliness and grace which testified to those around her that she sought their friendship as she gave them here. The home of the Commander-in-Chief and his wife was as conspicuous as the Court at home has been during Victoria's reign in its manifestation of every domestic and social merit." The crowds that eagerly filled the streets on the 14th March 1890 to bid a lingering farewell to the Duke and Duchess were not more numerous than they are to-day. The enthusiasm of the multitude will not be restrained as it then was by the knowledge that it was 'good-bye' not 'welcome' which was the watchword. We may safely say that the impulse that brings all classes to the Gate of India to greet their Royal Highnesses is more deep and genuine than often stirs the hearts of a people. May the Duke and Duchess have a happy tour in India and a New Year as cloudless as the Indian sky under which they have elected to spend its opening days.

THE INDIAN POST OFFICE.

THE report of the Post Office of India during the official year 1901-1902 shows that a very gratifying amount of progress was made both in regard to the finances of the departments and the improvements and extensions effected. There was an increase in the previous year of 28 millions in the number of letters and other articles carried, and the total receipts showed about four lakhs increase. There was at the same time a large advance in the charges during the year, but when it is borne in mind that on the whole the receipts exceeded the charges by nearly Rs. 43 lakhs, the result cannot be considered other than very satisfactory. The increase in the bulk of the traffic was to some extent due to a large advance in the insurance and Value-payable post departments. The total number of Value-payable post articles of all kinds sent through the post during the year was 2,847,173 as compared with 2,608,888 in the previous year, and the total amount declared for recovery was more than 3½ crores of rupees or about 15½ lakhs more than in the preceding year. The value of insurance business done was less than in the previous year although there was a very considerable advance in the number of parcels and letters dealt with. The increase in the number of parcels posted was, no doubt, due in some measure to the reduction in the postage on postage parcels not exceeding 440 tolas in weight. This came into force on the first of July in last year. The continuous delivery scheme was brought to completion in the city of Bombay, and it is interesting to learn also that Bombay ranks highest as regards the number of postal articles, per head of the population sent during the year. The issue of ordinary postage stamps was also largest in the Bombay circle, where they amounted to over 29 lakhs of rupees, and the number of value-payable articles posted during the year in Bombay city was not less than 462,333, representing a total value of over £400,000 sterling. The principal events which occurred during the year in connection with the foreign post were the extension to North-Eastern Rhodesia, the Cayman Islands, the German and French offices in China, the Italian offices in Tripoli, and a large number of Ottoman and other offices in Turkey. Direct exchange of parcels were also introduced between India and several British colonies, and the money order system was also extended in the same way. Nearly 61 per cent. of the whole of the foreign traffic was with the United Kingdom, and the number of parcels from that country still shows a tendency to increase. There were very few cases of fraud on the Post Office during the year, and the number of highway robberies also decreased. There were several instances of fatal assaults upon postmen whilst they were carrying the mails, but it is pleasing to note that there were very few instances of entire loss of the mails in these affrays. Mr. Fanshawe winds up the report with a warm eulogy on the work of some of the more prominent officials.

THE CROPS IN THE PRESIDENCY.

THE conditions under which the last reports in respect of the agricultural situation in the Bombay Presidency were written were very little different from those of the previous week. Reaping and threshing is still being carried on in nearly all districts. In Sind the reaping of the winter crops is now completed and threshing and winnowing is the order of the day. Locusts are still in evidence in Karachi, Hyderabad and Thar and Parkar. In the two first-named districts they have slightly damaged the growing crops. Throughout the province conditions are fairly satisfactory. More rain is needed, however, in some parts of Sukkur and drought is also affecting the growing plants in Hyderabad. In Gujarat, too, reaping is practically completed. Sugarcane is flourishing in Ahmedabad, but in the same district the young rabi crops have been damaged by caterpillars. Broach and Surat complain that the recent rainfall, which was rather heavy in some parts of those districts, has damaged the standing crops. As a general rule, however, the rice, cotton and oil seed crops are doing well in Gujarat. The water supply is everywhere plentiful. Locusts are still complained of in the Konkan, although they do not appear to be causing much mischief. The rain which has fallen recently has damaged the winter crops. Rabi sowing and the threshing of rice are proceeding side by side, and cotton picking continues in some places. The crops promise very well in the Deccan; and they are looking particularly well in the Deccan. Some little damage has been done to early sown jowari and the oil seed crops in Sholapur, but the late sown crops are doing well. The jowari, wheat and gram crops are flourishing. In the Southern Mahratta Country also damage due to the recent rainfall is reported. Various insects are also doing some damage. Apart from this however, cotton and rabi as a whole is in fair condition. In other parts of the Presidency conditions are satisfactory.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

THE slight increase in the mortality of the City of Bombay during the past week was not due to any single cause and was in no way remarkable. The total number of deaths was 724 and the rate per thousand per annum 48·51, which is about one point higher than last week. The mortality from plague was almost identically the same as was the case in the preceding week; and it compares satisfactorily with the figure for the corresponding week in last year and the average over the five years. The 121 deaths which were due to plague were scattered all over the city. Mandvi again returned the largest number of deaths from plague, fifteen having occurred from the disease in that district. In Byculla there were 12 deaths, in Bhuleshvar there were 11, and in Kumbharwada 10 deaths occurred. The returns in respect of diseases of the respiratory organs were again high; 146 deaths being recorded, as against 104 in the same week last year. As compared with the average over the five years the figures are more satisfactory, but there is little doubt that the present season has been a very unhealthy one in respect of diseases of the chest. Sixty-five deaths were due to phthisis, and this figure is only slightly over half the totals returned as the five years' mean and for the same week in last year. The number of deaths from fevers again fell, and from fevers of all kinds there were only 46 deaths. Malaria seems to be on the decline. For some weeks past low figures have been recorded. Last week only 39 deaths were due to malaria, and in the corresponding week of last year there were 88. The mean for the past five years, moreover, was 87. There was a slight decline in respect of mortality from diarrhœa, dysentery, and other disease of the digestive system, and although there are evidences that there is still an epidemic of measles in some districts of the native town, still the figures in respect of that diseases are less than they have been recently. The number of births was considerably higher than usual as compared with the rate of mortality. Among Europeans there were four deaths, which is equivalent to a rate of 16·94 per thousand per annum. The mortality among the Jains, which is always excessive, was at the rate of 153·28 per thousand per annum.

MR. R. C. CHAPMAN, Deputy Accountant-General-Punjab, has been appointed Deputy Auditor-General, and proceeds to inspect the office of the Accountant-General, Madras; while Mr. F. Dukoff-Gordon, Assistant Accountant-General, United Provinces, becomes Deputy Accountant-General, Punjab.

A FORCE made up from the 1st Punjab Cavalry, the 4th Sikhs, and the 22nd Punjab Infantry revisted Gumatti from Bannu on the 16th instant. It was found that no attempt had been made to rebuild the fort destroyed last month. Some tribesmen who were cultivating the ground near the ruins took to the hills on the approach of the cavalry and fired at the advanced party, killing a horse. The force retired without molestation after completing its work of observation.

THE company of British Infantry now at Fatehgarh will probably remain there till the Gun Carriage Factory is closed, when they will rejoin the regimental headquarters at Cawnpore. This move depends on the date of the completion of the new factory at Jubbulpore.

SINCE Friday last plague has been officially declared to exist at Jubbulpore. The disease is confined to a quarter of the City, Civil Lines and Cantonments being so far free. The mortality at present is not high, some 10 or 12 deaths daily, but there is considerable alarm among the people, who are quitting the town in large numbers.

JUDGMENT has been delivered by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tyebji in the Bombay High Court in the action by Mr. Jehangir Manekji Cursetji against the Secretary of State for Rs. 1,50,000 in respect of a libel which was alleged to be contained in a Government Resolution. The Resolution, it will be remembered, censured Mr. Cursetji and reduced him in rank as a Government servant. His Lordship said that the statement was privileged and that the Court had no jurisdiction; but he considered that the Government action in question was due to a misunderstanding, and he counselled the plaintiff to apply to the authorities for redress.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending December 23rd was 724, giving a death-rate of 48·51 per annum per thousand as against 52·13 in the corresponding period of last year, and 58·03, the average over the past five years. Of the total number 46 died from fevers; 121, plague; 8 small-pox; 25, measles; 2, cholera; 1, leprosy; 65, phthisis; 73, diseases of the nervous system; 146, affections of the respiratory organs; 42, diarrhœa; 23, dysentery; 32, still-born; 78, old age and debility; 10, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 42; Brahmin, 37; Lingast, 2; Bhattia, 7; Hindu of other caste, 349; Hindu low caste, 88; Musalman, 142; Parsee, 21; Jew 4; Native Christian, 25; Eurasian, 2; European, 4; Negro-African, 1. The total number of births was 384, as against 346 in the corresponding period of last year, and 261 the average over the past five years.

ONE of the points brought out by Lord Kitchener in his criticisms of the Manœuvres observes the "Pioneer" is the failure of the Transport. There is nothing, unusual in this, for in peaceful camps-of-exercise as in war there are always marked shortcomings in this branch of the Service at the outset. It takes weeks in a campaign for matters to settle down: in Manœuvres, the operations are generally over before things get put straight. In the present instance it was, we think, a pity that the new transport cadres were not expanded and tested, the system of purchase being modified by hiring, as the animals would only have been required for a short time. Then we should have been able to see whether the cadres, recently formed, were working well and what their weak points are. It is most important to ascertain this, before the test of actual war is applied. There were two Divisions engaged in the operations between Delhi and Umballa, and the force was quite of sufficient strength to furnish a practical lesson in Transport arrangements. As it is the Commander-in-Chief remarked that confusion was carried along the roads because officers did not look after their charges. We know that men and horses were on short commons on several occasions, and yet there was the Grand Trunk Road and the railway alongside to facilitate the furnishing of supplies. The fact seems to be that full advantage was not taken of the new Transport organisation and that the wretched individual officer was overworked. We have every sympathy with him, and the blame really should rest on the shoulders of those higher in authority who issued the original orders regulating supply and transport for the force.

WHEN the Minister met the Budget Committee to discuss the action he has taken in suppressing the battleships that were to have been laid down, he did not find himself in complete agreement with its members. It was stated in some of the papers that as a result of the discussion M. Pelletan had decided to withdraw his order relating to the battleships, but an official communique was issued stating that this was incorrect, and that the Minister had acted in order to preserve the control of the Chamber over the Estimates of 1903. It was added that the Chamber, in the exercise of its prerogative, has agreed to vote the funds for the construction of three battleships in the next Budget, and has asked the Budget Committee to furnish the ways and means. In this way M. Pelletan and the government covered the injudicious step that had been taken.

THE total sum demanded for the French navy in 1903 is 306,692,778 francs, being a diminution of 106,060 francs on the credits voted for the present year. The various chapters of the Budget have undergone considerable change. A Ministerial Note precedes the statement, pointing out the prodigious increase in the naval expenditure of the Powers. Thus in 1891, or in the financial year which began in 1891, England, Germany, Russia, Italy, Austria, the United States and Japan expended together a gross sum of £38,829,160; in 1896 the sum was £53,500,480; and in 1901, £79,112,440. The French naval Budget has not risen in proportion, but it might seem difficult to check the growth in 1903. Since new ships replace old, the expenses in regard to them increase, while, on the other hand, great sums have been voted for naval construction and the armament of the ports. The Note then stated that in order to maintain the same figure of outlay, it was necessary to make serious sacrifices in various directions, and the greatest difficulty arose in regard to the new constructions. In this way are explained the economies that are being made with the expressed hope that financial necessities will no interfere with the real interes of national defence.

COMMANDER Beehler, of the United States navy, who has been att

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE VENEZUELA TROUBLE.

THE ITALIAN NOTE.

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

Formal British and German proposals that Mr. Roosevelt should arbitrate reached Washington to-day.

Three rebels armies, totalling 6,200, are nearing Caracas.

President Castro is starting to support them.

An American steamer which had sailed prior to the blockade was allowed to enter La Guayra with a given time limit in which to discharge her cargo. The allies refused to extend the time and she was compelled to leave only partly discharged.

LONDON, DECEMBER 25.

The Italian Note has reached Washington. It is couched in the most cordial terms towards the United States and says that Italy will be glad to see Mr. Roosevelt arbitrate. If he is indisposed to do so Italy will have no objection to a reference of the matter to the Hague tribunal.

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

Venezuela announces that she agrees to arbitration by the Hague tribunal provided the blockade is raised and the Fleet restored.

The value of the Venezuelan craft captured by the blockading squadrons hardly exceeds five thousand dollars.

FURTHER EARTHQUAKES AT ANDIJAN.

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

Further earthquake shocks are occurring a Andijan and are causing a panic. The Railway station is temporarily closed. The shocks continue and occur four or five times daily.

SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

TROOPS FOR OBBIA.

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.

Italy having accorded facilities, seven hundred troops left Berbera for Obbia, where they arrive on the 27th inst. Count Lavatelli, representing Italy accompanies them.

INDIANS IN THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Several hundred Indians started work in a Kiffyontein mine in the Orange River Colony to-day. This is the first experiment of the kind and is exciting much interest in South African mining circles.

SLAVERY IN ZANZIBAR.

LONDON, DECEMBER 25.

A Blue-book on slavery in Zanzibar contains a despatch from Lord Lansdowne to Sir C. Eliot, approving of Consul Cave's action with reference to the labour question. The despatch adds that it is not intended to question the Sultan's right to compel free native labour, but his Majesty's Government cannot direct themselves full responsibility for the abuse thereof. Consul Cave should therefore exercise the greatest vigilance and report any cases of hardship.

THE CROWN PRINCESS OF SAXONY.

The Crown Princess of Saxony refuses to return to her father, fearing that she will be placed in an asylum, though she is sane. It is alleged that the recent injury to the Crown Prince was received not in the hunting field but in a duel with Leopold Ferdinand, the Prince's brother, who is also gone to Geneva.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

The Duke of Devonshire states in a letter to Lord Charles Beresford that the Board of Education is considering how far it is possible to carry out Lord Charle's proposal that physical military instruction should be made compulsory in all schools supported by public funds. Though many of his suggestions can only be dealt with by the War Office, Lord Charles Beresford says he intends to press the matter further.

ADMIRALTY ORDER.

An Admiralty Memorandum dealing with the training of officers and men, announces that the Admiralty has decided on changes adapted to the changed conditions of the times, the cardinal feature of which is the homogenous training of executive engineer and marine officers with a view to creating a body of young officers, equally available in mobilization for war, for all general duties in the fleet and to consolidate fighting officers of the navy into an harmonious whole.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.

The International Medical Congress at Cairo has passed a resolution urging the revision of International Regulations applicable to plague and cholera, and summoning an International Congress for that purpose.

THE SAXONY ROMANCE.

THE ARCHDUKE'S INAMORATA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 26.

A special cable from the "Pioneer's" correspondent dated London 24th December, says that the Crown Princess of Saxony was accompanied in her flight to Geneva by her brother, the Archduke Leopold, and some reports add by his inamorata, an actress, for whom he is renouncing his title.

THE LONDON AND GLOBE CORPORATION.

The "Pioneer's" London correspondent says that no official prosecution will be instituted in connection with the failure of the London and Globe Finance Corporation.

THE MOORISH PRETENDER.

IMPERIAL TROOPS SEVERELY DEFEATED.

A telegram from the "Pioneer's" London correspondent is to the effect that the Moorish Imperial troops have been severely defeated. The heads of the fallen now decorate the Pretender's tent.

MADRAS C. C. vs. CEYLON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 27.

The match began to-day at Chepank in cloudy weather between the Madras Cricket Club vs. Ceylon. The latter won the toss and were elected to bat. The wicket was very slow but was warmed up afterwards. Rain stopped play at 12 p.m. and the teams went to tiffin soon. Afterwards the play was resumed but at 3p.m. again stopped, with a score of 138 for 2 wickets. The deails are :—

Waldock	51
Macaulay, b. Smith	17
Bonsher, not out	46
Skrine, not out	9
Extras	13
Total	138

THE MAILS.

ADEN, DECEMBER 25.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. China with the homeward Mails of the 20th instant arrived here at 7 a.m., to-day.

SUEZ, DECEMBER 25.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Arcadia with the outward Mails of the 19th instant left here at 6 a.m. to-day.

THE CAMP AT DELHI.

FINISHING TOUCHES.

ARRIVAL OF LORD NORTHCOTE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, DECEMBER 25.

The details of the picture are now being rapidly filled in ; the roads are thronged with escorts and carriages, and the whole vast camp is alive. Colour is being thrown lavishly upon the canvas ; and it is possible to gather an idea of what the Durbar Camp will be like by Saturday, when all the chiefs, notables, and crowds of guests and retainers will have arrived. As it is, days are required to take in the immensity of the camp and its crowded detail.

Yesterday's arrivals included the Governor of Bombay, whose train, like every other, arrived hours late. The Nizam reached Delhi late last night, but did not enter his camp till to-day. The Maharaja of Travancore and the Governor of Madras are among the arrivals due to-day. Yesterday there was a rehearsal of the ceremony which will take place in the amphitheatre on January first.

ARRIVAL OF NATIVE CHIEFS.

DURBAR SPORTS.

DELHI CAMP, DECEMBER 26

To-day has been entirely one of arrivals. Among the numerous Chiefs due being the Nawab of Gondal the Mar of Khairpur, and the Nawab of Rampur. H. H. the Nizam and other Chiefs attended the Jumma Masjid, where there was an immense congregation.

In Polo Ties this evening Bikanir beat R. H. G. Blue, by five goals and two subsidiaries to two goals and two subsidiaries. The 3rd Bombay Cavalry defeated the 11th Bengal Lancers by four goals and four subsidiaries to two goals and one subsidiary.

In Hockey semi-finals the 22nd Bombay Infantry tied with the 11th Cooups, two all. The 38th Dogras tied with the 33rd Punjab Infantry, three all.

THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 26.

The Congress held its last sitting to-day, when a resolution condemning the recommendations of the Universities Commission was adopted on the ground that they checked the spread of higher education and thanking the Government for a circular letter recently addressed to the local Government, was moved by Mr. Chowdhary of Calcutta, who remarked that the Government education policy tended to discourage cheap education and private enterprise. The next resolution appealed to Government for adequate support to the Research Institute scheme. Mr. Subramani Iyer in moving the same said that the scheme has been hanging for the last four years. He charged Government with indifference in the matter. The third resolution regretted the inadequacy of the representation on the Police Commission of Indian gentlemen. A number of resolutions regarding the different branches of the Public Service were also passed. The next Congress assembles at Madras.

MADRAS BOAT CLUB.

THE REGATTA.

MADRAS, DECEMBER 24.

The Madras Boat Club Regatta was held yesterday in the Long Tank. A Madras man, Wilson, beat Dix, of Colombo, by 100 yards in the single sculls. In the four oar race Colombo beat Madras by six lengths, staying better than their opponents, who also were handicapped, having to rearrange their crew at the last moment in pairs. Kay and Wilson, of Madras, beat Colombo by four lengths. Mr. Beidam distributed the prizes.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Government have sanctioned the grant to a departmental officer of the Supply and Transport Corps in charge of an outpost as Executive Supply and Transport Officer of a detention allowance of Rs. 5 for each day he is detained at any out-station when he proceeds on bona fide inspection duty under competent authority. On such occasions he will not be allowed conveyance hire as at present.

The Secretary of State has decided that officers of the Staff Corps promoted to ranks above lieutenant on the same date, shall be graded among themselves according to the date of first commission, except when the date of first commission is identical, in which case they will be graded by the date of last substantative commission.

Three more officers will be placed under training at Allahabad in scientific grass and dairy farming on the 1st March next.

Recruiting staff officers are empowered to sign and issue railway warrants for their chargers and attendants when proceeding on inspection or temporary duty.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

The Royal Indian Marine Steamer Hardinge, Commander G. J. Bough, sailed yesterday for Berbera with the 7th Bombay Pioneers comprising 9 officers, 14 native officers, 684 non-commissioned officers and men, 26 private followers, 13 horses, 13 mules and 277 boxes of ammunition. The men were brought to Bombay by special troop trains from Kirkee, and arrived at the Sassoon Dock yesterday morning. The Palitana will sail on the 29th instant. The B. I. S. N. Co's Steamers Ikbona and Nowshera, which are now lying in harbour, and the Asiatic S.N. Co's. Steamer Ranee have been chartered by the Admiralty to convey troops to Somaliland. The B. I. M. S. Canning sails on the 30th instant with No. 1 Company Bombay Sappers and Miners. The Ranee sails on the 5th January with Bicaneer Camel Corps. The Nowshera leaves on the 31st instant with 2nd Sikhs and Survey Dept ; and the Ikbona conveys section No. 15 British and two 60 Native Field Hospitals. The following are the names of the Officers of the 7th Bombay Pioneers : Lieut-Col. Aplin, Captains Heale, Keelam and Greig, Lieuts. Majoribanks, Mackaglan, Bennett, Carter and Davies.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE—DEC. 12.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Lieut-Col H P P Leigh, C I E, B	Mr O R Jones', M
Lieut-Col E A Weller, B	Mr J A G Wales, Bo Cov
Lieut-Col J H Balfour, 13th B Lancers	Major C Hamilton, 2nd P Light Inf
Capt H G Maxwell, 16th B Lancers	Major J J F Sandy, 19th P I
Capt C D Mears, 8th B Lancers	Lieut F S Storey, 20th P I
Lieut A G M Hogg, 11th B I	Col E Glennie, R E
Mr H Walmsley, 5 Cov	Capt G H Coats, I S C
Mr E Ford, B Cov	Major A C B Johnson, 1st Goorkha Rifles
Mr E A Estcourt, B Cov	Cap A P How, 1st Moplah, R
Mr A L Wright, B	Capt W H Wooldridge, 16th Belooch Inf
Mr G Born, B	Capt W M Guthrie Smith, 10th Goorkha Rifles
Mr H Darby, B	Lieut J H W Morgan, Eric-pura Irregular Force
Mr H A Sharp, B	Lieut P Howell, Queen's Own Corps of Guides
Lieut-Col S C Sarkies, M	Second Lieut W J Massey
Major C L Williams, I M S, M	Second Lieut F E Hunt, D SO
Lieut-Col G A Gott, 7th Bo Lancers	

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE

Lieut-Col J L Poynder, I M S B, 4 mo M C	Lieut F Adams 3rd M Lancers 2 mo M C
Major R J Melvill, , furl to	Mr F L C Cowley-Brown M 2 mo M C
Capt D Sutherland, I M S, B, 2½ days' furl	Mr L J Mountford Bo Cov, 3 mo M C
Mr R E Hamblin, R Cov, furl 10 Oct 31 1903	Major H T Brown, I S C 6 mo M C
Mr H G W Herron, B Cov, 6 mo M C	Capt J G Herbert, I M S 2 mo
Mr C O Lyon, B Cov, 1 day's furl	Capt N B T Rainier, I M S 6 mo M C
Mr W S Hamilton, B Cov, furl to Feb 15, 1903	Capt G H Frost I M S, 6 mo M C
Mr C Crowdy, B, 3 mo M C	Lieut G J P Goodwin R E 3 mo M C
Mr W C Stanton, B, 2 days' ex-traordinary leave	Lieut G F Grant D S O I S C 1 mo M C
Mr R L D Gompertz, B 14 days' furl	Lieut J L S Cotter East Lancashire Regt 2 mo M C
Mr C E Brasier, M, 5 days' furl	

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Mr T A H Way, B Cov	Mr J M Lacey, M
Mr H A Sams, B Cov	Mr W B de Winton, M
Mr F G Lyon, B Cov	Mr R M Patell, B)
Mr C B Barrie, B	Major C G Prendergast, 4th P I
Mr L N Broome, B	Capt F J Fraser, 33rd P I
Mr R K Barber, B	Major-Gen Sir N R Stewart, Bart, C B
Mr S W Coxon, B	Capt C Bowie-Evans, I M S
Mr H G Boyce, B	Capt H A Lane, 4th Lancers, Hyd Cont
Mr A J Keatinge, B	Lieut G M Lennox, I S C
Mr G J Sparkes-Madge, B	Lieut W W Van Someren, 45th Sikhs
Mr A H P Wolferstan, B	Lieut V K Birch, 2nd Lancers, Hyd Cont
Mr H A Armstrong, B	
Mr S Russell, M Cov	
Mr H G Joseph, M Cov	
Mr W W Philips, M Cov	
Mr C C Lonsdale, M	

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

DECEMBER 25,

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez perfect.

AMERICA—Via Torrent, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect, Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz Teneriffe, interrupted. Via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.

Cable Guardasanno Mole St Nicolas interrupted.

Cable Cadiz Teneriffe interrupted.

Cable Puerto Plata Martinique interrupted.

Cable Cayenne Pinheiros interrupted.

Cables Dominique Martinique, St. Lucia Martinique Guadaloupe Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, interrupted.

Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers.

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ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 12.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Apart from the trouble in Venezuela which has suddenly assumed such an acute form and which, it is to be hoped, will not lead to any embroilment with the United States, political interest is chiefly occupied by the discussions in the House of Lords on the Education Bill. The Upper House has had a busier week than it has known for many a long day and, it must be said to its credit, the "Times" notwithstanding that it has succeeded in imparting a certain amount of freshness to the controversy. Although we were told that Lord Salisbury had returned home from the Continent, specially to take part in the debates on the measure which necessarily appeals very much to him, as a great Churchman, he has not put in an appearance so far. One of the most piquant features of the progress of the Bill in the hereditary chamber has been the strongly hostile attitude of the Bishop of Hereford, who has not only made an elaborate second reading speech against the Bill but had the courage to vote for it and the equally great courage to endeavour to get important alterations favourable to non-Churchmen introduced in committee. Lord Rosebery has also developed a very keen antagonism and has got himself into hot water by some rather outspoken remarks to the Non-conformist leaders with reference to their threats to refuse payment of rates. What the Non-Conformists would do when the Bill passed was, Lord Rosebery told Dr. Clifford and his friends ; no business of his. He was not himself in favour of the anti-rate policy but then he was not in the position of the Non-conformists. He proceeded :—

I confess that if the Nonconformists of England submit tamely to the enactments of this Bill, I will not say that they would be weakened religiously ; but I will say this—that in my judgment politically they will have ceased to exist. I have seen many things in the last few years that have made me doubtful as to whether the spirit of Great Britain, not in external, but in domestic affairs, has not greatly waned and weakened. I am sometimes sceptical as to whether the Liberalism which used to be so abundant and so fiery 30 years ago, has not been greatly modified and debilitated by circumstances as to which I can offer no surmise, but which seem to exist. You gentlemen, who come from various parts of the country, can form a better judgment on that point than I can. But, at any rate, if the country—I am not now speaking of Non-conformity alone—if the country is prepared to submit to the principles enunciated in this Bill, you may give yourselves up to an interminable reign of the principles associated with Lord Eldon and Lord Sidmouth—you may hope for a great military, naval, and diplomatic supremacy abroad, but you have very little to hope for in the development of free institutions at home. "Times" is very angry with Lord Rosebery and accuses him of having given his sanction to anarchical pretensions. I am told that the opposition to the measure is actually growing in the country, and that the society which is mainly concerned in fighting the Bill is receiving numerous adherents from Churchmen and Conservatives. If this is so and my information comes from a good source, it will go rather badly with the Government, when the general election takes place, and an appeal to the country cannot be delayed very much longer.

SIR GEORGE BIRDWOOD.

As you will probably be publishing a full account of the proceedings in connection with the Testimonial presented to Sir George Birdwood, I will in this place confine myself to a general account of what passed, dwelling especially on what was said by those whose speeches are but scantily reported in the "Times," or not at all. The fulness of the meeting, on such an Artic evening surprised me ; and the enthusiasm manifested was most impressive. All the speeches in honour of Sir George were expressed in the heartiest terms, and the warmth and emphasis with which Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji spoke of his old friend and uncompromising political opponent, were a source of gratification to everyone present, and deeply affected Sir George Birdwood ; who, in his subsequent speech, characterised Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji as "the most revered of all my friends." It was really the dramatic incident of the evening ; and it at once raised both Sir George Birdwood and Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji to a higher level, if that be possible, in the esteem and affectionate regard of all present. The speeches of Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji, Sir Seymour King, and Sir Owen Tudor Burne are reported pretty fully, and I need not say more of those made by the two last named than that they also were delivered and received with the greatest heartiness. Not less affective were the addresses made by Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Sir Thomas Wardle, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Wagle. All these differing widely as they did in style, were in absolute unity in their testimony to the specific quality of Sir George Birdwood's work and character which endeared him to his friends, and won the confidence of every one who approached him on any serious business : and this was, they said, the promptness and the thoroughness with which he, at once threw himself into the matter in hand, concentrating his whole attention on it until it was brought to an issue, so that all who went to him recognised that he made their business his business ; and that he sought their success in it is as keenly as they could themselves. Officials have told me the same thing ; and that even when Sir George Birdwood had initiated a new departure in any direction such as the custody and exposition of the Old Records of the India Office, he was quiet indifferent as to who continued the work, provided it was efficiently done. His own work on the Old Records, which led to the reorganisation of the Department under a highly salaried officer, was all gratuitously done. Sir Thomas Wardle enlarged statistically on the value of Sir George Birdwood's services in developing the Tusseh industry of India, and in association with Mr. W. E. Lawrence and himself, in reviving the silk industry of Cashmere which now, he said, gave employment to 30,000 natives of the State, adding :—"and it is nothing less than a public scandal that for this work alone Sir George Birdwood should not have been given a pension which would have dignified the last years of his life, and the Government he has so faithfully and brilliantly served." Sir Edward Sassoon also spoke of Sir George Birdwood's intimate association, with his family extending through three generations, and of the warm regard his grand father, his father and he himself entertained for him. You have the whole text of Sir George Birdwood's reply. It was an immediate success. One distinguished official present said, "It is George Birdwood in his very highest quintessence, learned, fanciful, quaintly fanciful, mocking, earnest, and all for the pride and glory of India, and not a word about himself save as a son of the soil and the sunshine of India." Another remarked : "The interesting thing always about Birdwood is that you never know what turn he will give to any subject, and to-night all my anticipations of the turn he would give to his reply to these enthusiastic speeches have been absolutely baffled. "After compliments," first we were taken back to mediæval geography ; and then from Jerusalem, as the centre of human salvation, we were launched out into midmost space, and there told that, not the British authorities but Saturn was responsible for plague and famine in India, and the defence of the North West Frontier against Russia ; and in another "quick turn" we were sympathetically enjoying the picture of the boy Birdwood "surreptitiously possessing himself" of the plantains, custard apples, "papaw" and guavas that grew in his father's garden in Bombay. Then again came the moving statement straight from his heart of how he always felt "at home and happy with the hospitable gods" of the wayside and bazaar Hindu temples ; and that when, after studying Greek and Roman mythology in England, he returned in 14 years "to the land of my birth and found it living Greece, the cup of India's enchantments for me was filled to the brim." Then he might have stopped, but again there was the drop to the symbolism of the presentation purse, "the bag itself" and that subtle reference to the "hyperborean Arimaspians", and the "leonine Griffin" which guarded the "wealth from their depredations!"

Everyone remarked on the reply in similar strains, and it was undoubted "a palpable hit" all round, but what it had to do exactly with the special business of the evening is an insoluble conundrum. We all went out thinking of the Bactrian Coessacs, and our young lions of the British Army, and on Lunar and Saturnine influence ; and whether after all the stars in their courses did not overrule the best considered plans of politicians and statesmen ; for George Birdwood was obviously delighted with the reception given him ; and altogether the gathering was a really splendid success.

INDIA AND THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Although since the Jubilee of the late Queen the distinction of membership of the Privy Council has been conferred on a not inconsiderable number of Colonial public men, very few Anglo-Indians, however eminent their service, have been similarly dignified and, so far as I am aware, no native of India has ever enjoyed the proud privilege of being addressed as Right Honourable. If a rumour that reaches me is to be relied upon, the roll of Privy Councellors will shortly be adorned with an Indian name well-known both in England and in India Although the report is what is called a strong one, I do not at present think it would be prudent to mention the name of the gentleman said to be designated for the coveted position nor to furnish any further clues as to his identity. Perhaps I may be able to do this later if the appointment is not in the meanwhile announced. I have described the position of Privy Councellor as a coveted one, and to it is, but somehow I do not think it stands quite so high in the scale of honours as it did a dozen or 15 years ago, but then may not the same be said of almost all our orders ? The only order that seems to be thought more of as the years advance is that of the Bath. I have known men who having been offered the choice of a companionship of the Bath or a Knight bachelorship unhesitatingly chose the former, expecting doubtless that it would be followed as it often is in the services and sometimes in civil life by a "K." of course, the Garter is "sui generis"—to quote a famous saying, there is no d—d nonsense about the oldest and most prized of the English orders of Knighthood, while the Most Noble Order of the Garter was established in 1349, the most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle was not created until two centuries later, and the most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick is still more modern, having been called into existence during the reign of George III. The only tangible joys attached to a Privy Councilorship that I know of, are the right to wear a very gorgeous costume at State ceremonials and to be styled "Right Hon." There is a common notion even amongst people supposed to be well informed that all Privy Councillors have definite duties to perform. When a certain distinguished industrial who was nigh a Privy Councillor not very long ago transferred, the Earl of Aberdeen, an old member of the Society, but hitherto not a frequent visitor to the Indian Section, brought his daughter, Lady Marjorie Gordon, whilst amongst others present I noticed Sir Seymour and Lady Bayley, Sir William and Lady Lee-Warner, Sir Charles and Lady Lyall, Sir Curzon and Lady Wyllie, Sir George Birdwood, Sir Alexander Binnie, Shamsul Ulama Syed Ali Bilgrami and Sir Gowarjee Jehanghir. Miss Sykes spent two years in "The Land of the Lion and the Sun," and nothing seems to have escaped her notice. She adhered closely to her text throughout the paper and avoided the dangerous ground of politics. But one observation she made under this head is worthy of attention. I refer to the following passage:—"Patriotism and bravery are decidedly at a discount, and the youthful Persian of to-day is very unlike his ancestors as depicted by Herodotus. During my stay in Persia I was often asked at what date the English Army was to land on the shores of the Persian Gulf and proceed to take the country, this idea of a foreign occupation being highly approved by all." With reference to what Miss Sykes said about some of the other weaknesses of the Shah's subject, possibly a Persian might be disposed to think quite as badly of certain ways of ours, especially if he had spent the past fortnight in the Court provided his residence from a remote part of the British Isles to within a stone's throw of Whitehall. I heard one of his proud countrymen say that he supposed the change had been made so that the Right Hon. gentlemen could be close to his "work!"

MISS SYKES AT THE SOCIETY OF ARTS.

The paper on "Domestic Life in Persia" read at the opening meeting of the Indian Section of the Society of Arts by the author of that charming work "Through Persia on a Side Saddle" proved a great attraction, and seats could not be found for all who flocked to John Street, Adelphi, yesterday. The Indian Department of the Society of Arts has been in existence now between thirty and forty years, but never before has its proceedings included a paper by a lady. After yesterday's experience the Section will surely not allow so long a time to elapse before again offering its hospitality to the fair sex. The audience was not only large but very influential. Earl Percy, M.P., perhaps not excepting Lord Hugh Cecile—the most promising of the younger men in Parliamentary life, and himself a traveller in Persia, occupied the chair and spoke with his customary agreeable eloquence. Indeed, I was told the other day of a Persian of the higher classes, who during a recent visit to England and after mixing with a smart society confided to an Indian gentleman his surprise at what he had observed. He particularly failed to comprehend how highborn ladies and gentlemen could dance in company, play cards together and bet with one another. A paper on English fast Society from the point of view of an orthodox Persian might be a wholesome corrective to certain tendencies of the day.

DR. SVEN HEDIN'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

The most distinguished and popular of Central Asian travellers, Dr. Sven Hedin, who is on a visit to London this week, has no reason to complain of any want of attention on our part. The great audience who filled the theatre of Burlington House on Monday to hear the graphic narrative he delivered to the Royal Geographical Society could not have been more enthusiastic if Dr. Sven Hedin instead of being a Swede had been an Englishman. The council of the Geographical Society have in a special way marked their appreciation of Dr. Hedin's recent explorations and many would like to hear that his remarkable achievements had received some recognition on the part of the State. The distinction of an honorary Knight Grand Cross for example could have no worthier recipient than the illustrious but modest traveller in whose labours the British Empire is so greatly interested. Dr. Hedin was the guest the other night at a dinner of the Norwegian Club, and he not for the first time referred in the highest terms of praise to the excellence of our administration of India. In the same speech he paid us another compliment by declaring that in no country in the world has his work received so much encouraging sympathy as in England, and he was also pleased to express the acknowledgment he feels under to Englishman as pioneers in a field where though he did not put it in this way, he has as all must admit, bettered his instruction. All who have met Dr. Hedin in society, since he arrived in London, have been much struck with his simple, unaffected manners—qualities that are not seldom joined with real genius, and as a traveller Dr. Hedin is a genius if there ever was one. The "Times" in a very appreciative leading article expresses a hope that the enterprise of the Swedish Government in undertaking almost entirely at its own expense the publication of Dr. Hedin's atlas, will meet with adequate recognition and support in those European countries which are more closely associated with Central Asian affairs than in Sweden. Although as previously announced a more or less popular account of Dr. Hedin's latest travels will appear before very long, it is stated that the material collected by the Swedish explorer is so bulky that some years will probably elapse before the results are fully available for the scientific world.

BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. P. S. V. Fitz-Gerald, Political Agent, Second Grade, on return to duty, becomes Political Agent, Mahi Kantha.

Captain H. W. Berthon, Assistant Political Agent, Third Grade, has been allowed two months' leave on medical certificate in extension of the leave already notified.

Mr. F. H. Warden, on return to duty, is appointed District Superintendent of Police, Ahmednagar, vice Mr. A. H. M. Ostrehan, proceeding on leave.

Mr. W. C. Shepperd, I. C. S., Assistant Judge and Sessions Judge, Satara, is granted privilege leave for three months to be followed by furlough for nine months with effect from the 8th January.

Mr. F. W. Allison, I. C. S. Assistant Collector in the district of Panch Mahals is appointed a Magistrate of the Second Class.

Captain P. C. Searle, 9th Bombay Infantry, becomes Cantonment Magistrate at Ahmedabad, in addition to this Military duties, vice Captain W Scott, transferred.

Mr. L. H. Spence, Second Grade Superintendent of Police, is granted privilege leave for four days to be followed by leave on medical certificate for five months and twenty-six days with effect from the 1st December.

Mr. J. V. Cooke, Fourth Grade Superintendent of Police, has been permitted to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. J. A. Guider, First Grade Assistant Superintendent of Police, is granted privilege leave for two months.

Lieutenant G. Newcome, 30th Baluch Infantry, becomes Confoument Magistrate a Karachi, in addition to his own duties vice Captain H. P. C. Parker.

Mr. W. W. Drew, I. C. S., Collector of Bijapur, is allowed privilege leave for three months in combination with furlough for nineteen months.

Mr. P. R. Cadell, I. C. S., on return to duty, becomes Assistant Collector, Ahmedabad.

Mr. C. V. Vernor, I. C. S., becomes Assistant Collector, Panch Mahals, on relief by Mr. Cadell.

Mr. M. M. S. Gubbay, I. C. S., on completion of his duty as Compiler, General Administration Report, is appointed Assistant Collector, Bombay.

The Reverend P. R. Harrison, Chaplain of Deesa and Abu, is granted privilege leave for three months in combination with furlough for one year from the 6th January.

The Reverend C. M. Barham, Chaplain of Nasirabad, becomes Chaplain of Deesa, in addition to his own duties, pending further orders.

The Reverend E. S. J. de Alessio, Chaplain of Ghorpuri, becomes Chaplain of Ahmednagar on the return of the Reverend C. E. C. de Castilgon from duty with the troops at the Delhi manœuvres.

The Reverend H. A. C. Herbert is appointed to be Joint Chaplain of Karachi with effect from the 15th December.

Mr. K. Hewlett, of the Civil Veterinary Department, is appointed Assistant Principal, Bombay Veterinary College.

Mr. S. Sarjant is appointed a member of the Board of Management of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, vice Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Mayne, R.E., resigned.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. P. Barry, M.B., I. M. S., is granted privilege leave of absence for three months, combined with furlough for nine months, from the date of departure.

Mr. J. K. Williams acts as Assessor on the Tribunal of Appeal constituted under Section 48 of the Bombay Improvement Act, 1898, during the absence of Mr. H. V. R. Kemball on leave.

Mr. Raymond E. Gibson, reported his arrival on the 22nd December and has been placed under the orders of the Collector of Karachi.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. Stevenson, I. M. S., is granted privilege leave of absence for three months in combination with furlough for six months with effect from the 16th February.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS.

This morning T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are expected to arrive in Bombay in his Majesty's battleship Renown. As soon as the Renown is signalled from the Light-house three guns will be fired, at intervals of ten second each, from the Saluting Battery. From the battery a royal salute of 31 guns will be fired on the Renown entering the harbour. At 4·25 p.m., their Royal Highnesses will leave the Renown. On their arrival at the Apollo Bunder steps another salute of 31 guns will be fired. To receive their Royal Highnesses, a guard-of-honour consisting of 100 rank and file with band and colours from the 2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire Light Infantry, will parade at the bunder, under the command of a captain. The Officer Commanding the District, staff officers, and heads of departments will attend at the Bunder. At the Apollo Bunder, the Bombay Municipal Corporation will present an address. From the Bunder to the Victoria Terminus railway station, the escort to their Royal Highnesses will be furnished by a Squandron of the 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry. From the Bunder to the station the roads will be lined by the Royal Garrison Artillery, 2nd Oxfordshire Light Infantry, 19th Bombay Infantry, Bombay Volunteer Artillery, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, 21st Bombay Infantry, and 22rd Bombay Rifles. At the Victoria Terminus a guard-of-honour consisting of 100 rank and file of the 21st Bombay Infantry, under the command of a British officer with band and colours, will parade at 4-30 p.m. to receive their Royal Highnesses. The Officer Commanding the District, with the District Staff, will be present at the station. To announce the departure of their Royal Highnesses from Bombay to Delhi a royal salute of 31 guns will be fired.

The Naval programme will prove an imposing one. Six torpedo-boats will steam out to meet H. M. S. Renown and forming up, three on each quarter, will escort her into harbour. On her arrival the Highflyer and other warships in harbour will be manned and dressed and will fire royal salutes of 31 guns. At 4-30, when their Royal Highnesses land, the ships will be again manned and another salute fired the royal launch steaming to the Apollo Bunder through lines of torpedo-boats and pulling boats of the squadron.

NEWS FROM THE PERSIAN GULF.

VISIT FROM A RUSSIAN CRUISER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BUSHIRE, DECEMBER 14.

Good rain has fallen in Bushire and in almost all the neighbouring places. The fall in Bushire up to the present is nine inches. Last year we had three inches and year before last about nine inches. Good rain has also fallen at Shiraz in Fars. The port of Lingah which is dependant for its drinking water, on rain for which there are several reservoirs, was already fully hard up for water, but thanks to Providence good rain has also fallen there which has nearly filled up the reservoir. The prices of foodstuff have already fallen in Bushire but another month will bring them very low provided of course the rain does not abandon us.

The acting Russian Consul General M. Of seenkswho went to Shiraz in August for the hot weather returned on 28th November after having made himself well known there.

M. Adamoo, the Russian Consul of Busreh, arrived on 2nd December in the Mail Steamer to meet the Russian Cruiser Askold.

The Askold arrived on 7th December. She salute the Persian flag and the compliment was returned by the shore battery.

For the information of those who are not yet aware of it I may mention that a Russian flagstaff was erected here about six months ago in the compound of the house occupied by the Russian Consul General which is about half a mile or so outside the town and which was the property of Derya Begi, the predecessor of the present Governor of Bushire.

The commander and five officers of the Askold landed on 9th December and accompanied by the two Russian Consuls called on the Deputy Governor (the Governor being absent on tour at the Chanrbar) the Persian Government House. They then drove in four carriages escorted by the Bushire Russian Consul's Persian sowars 7 or 8 in number passed the British Residency and visited the acting Persian Foreign Office Agent whose house is not very far from the British Residency.

The French Vice-Consul, the Turkish Vice-Consul (a Turk), the Dutch Consul, (who is the representative of the Firm of Messrs. Hatz and Son) (formerly under British protection and the acting Persian Foreign Office Agent who is by the way a great friend of the Russian Consul, called on the commander of the Askold (on board) on the 10th December. On leaving the ship salutes were fired in their honor.

The Russian Consul-General gave an entertainment on the night of the 10th to which the French Vice Consul the Dutch Consul, the Turkish Vice Consul, the Persian Foreign Office Agent, and the official in charge of artillery, were invited. The Deputy Governor excused himself on account of illness. The ship's band landed and was in attendance. On the night of the 11th December the acting Persian Foreign Office Agent entertained the commander and officers of the Askold, also the two Russian Consuls.

The Askold left on the night of the 12th presumably for Koweit and Turkish waters. The Consul-General and the Master of the Bushire Russian consulate left in her. During the stay of the Askold in Bushire the Russian Flagstaff was kept dressed with Flags.

The Sular Muazzam Governor of Bushire and Gulf Ports who left Bushire in the middle of October on a tour to the Gulf Ports left Lingah on 22nd November having remained there for about a month. His Excellency had taken with him from Bushire some 300 troops to Lingah for the purpose of arresting Seyed Yusuf, the rebel chief (who it will be remembered captured Lingah in 1898 and was driven out by the Derya Begi, the then Governor of Bushire and now a fallen man at Tehran), who had made his appearance somewhere that side. His Excellency arrested and kept in custody a few petty chiefs of Lingah charging them with having sided with the rebel chief but before leaving Lingah he released them. His Excellency will visit Bunder Abbas and other Persian Ports before returning to Bushire.

M. Dambrain, the Director-General of Persian Customs, who with a staff, went to Mohammerah in September, 1902, to establish Custom House there returned on the 8th instant. The Arabs of the Mohammerah side had successfully resisted the establishment of customs under Belgians, but they have now given in for reason I need not here mention.

Lieut. C. A. Kemball, the officiating British Resident at Bushire, left in the Lawrence for Bunder Abbas.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES LEASK.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James Leask, Divisional Health Officer of the Bombay Municipality in charge of the C. and D. Wards, which took place at 8 p.m., on Thursday, at his residence in Harkness Road, Malabar Hill, in the forty-eighth year of his age. An operation for a intestinal ailment was performed on him on Wednesday, and he died the following night. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Leask and family, who have been suddenly deprived of a kind husband and a loving father. Mr. Leask was born on the 1st June 1855 in a town near Aberdeen in Scotland. He

interest the rejoicing of his subjects in this distant part of his dominions (Applause) To-morrow we hope to welcome as representatives of the Royal Family T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught—(applause)—who have given many of the best years of their lives to India, and we know that their visit at this auspicious time is another token of the affectionate regard which his Majesty has always shown towards this part of his Empire. In a few days from now Imperial Delhi will be the scene of a succession of probably the most magnificent pageants that India with all her traditions of pomp and splendour has ever produced. Before I proceed to discharge the pleasant duty which has been entrusted to me this evening, I shall, with your permission, make a few remarks on the report which Mr. Murzban as the representative of your Executive Committee and Secretary has submitted to you. These gentlemen were selected by the people of Bombay at the public meeting in October, and to you as representing the people they have now given an account of their stewardship. The Fair, which I hope you will all visit at the close of these proceedings, contains several novel features of interest, and to those who like myself may have delighted in the pleasures of the switch-back railways, I can certify from experience that the spiral railway is in no way inferior. The illumination and display of fireworks with which the festivities are to close will be on a scale never, I believe, hitherto equalled in the city and will be enjoyed by people of all races, classes, and ages. I would ask your permission, ladies and gentlemen, to tender the warmest thanks of the people of Bombay to the Honorary Secretaries of the Committee for the admirable manner in which they have carried out the duties entrusted to them, and especially to Mr. Murzban—(applause)—on whom I understandmost of the practical work devolved, and who most unselfishly asked the permission of H. E. the Governor to absent himself from Delhi that he might devote his almos unique experiences in such matters and his untiringt energy ro the benefit of his own city which he has served so long and so faithfully. Now ladies and gentlemen, I will not trespass further on your time, but will conclude by expressing the hope that the people of this city will give themselves up heartily to holiday making at this festive time, knowing that they will best carry out the wishes of his Most Gracious Majesty by rejoicing at the time when the highest in the land have assembled themselves together in his honor, so that this auspicious event may mark an epoch in our sons, and that we may ever cherish the remembrance of the Coronation of his Most Gracious Majesty as Emperor of this great Empire. (Loud and prolonged cheers).

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim proposed a heartby vote of thanks to Mr. Harvey for all the valuable assistance he had willingly given to the Committee, and to Mr. Murzban for his great zeal and indefatigable assiduity in organising the fair at a brief notice.

The vote of thanks having been carried with accolamation, Mr. Harvey returned thanks, and soon after declared the fair open to the public.

THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE FAIR.

The fair ground extends over the maidan for a length of 1,500 feet, with a breath of 1,000 feet, and covers an area of 1,66,666 square yards in the form of a somewhat irregular oval. The principal entrance is from the western or Esplanade Road side under a handsome gate, twenty-five feet high, erected in the shape of a Gothic arch, which was illuminated with coloured lamps. It is supported on eig t square pillars, the central arch being in the shape of a gable. Entering this main gateway to the fair, the visitor found himself bathed in a flood of light from about fifty Kitson's and Washington lamps, which were arranged along the whole of the area, and myriads of coloured lanterns. A few paces further off in the middle of a circular spacer was seen a tower of light, an octagonal pyramid, forty-five feet high, which was lighted from top to bottom with coloured lights, with a crown of lights at the top. On one side of the tower, was a temporary band-stand where a military Band played during the whole of the evening. The bandstand was encircled by festoons of lights and stars at a height of about ten feet from the ground. The passage between the gateway and the band-stand, fifty feet in width, was lighted by vaults of lights extending over the whole passage. To the south of the band-stand is placed the refreshment-room of Messrs. Moreasa and Co, of Meadow Street.

THE ILLUMINATED FOUNTAIN

After leaving the band-stand the visitor comes to what is called the grand circle, in the middle of which stands an "illuminated fountain," the first of its kind ever erected in Bombay, and probably in India which proved a source of great attraction to all spectators.—the chief feature of it being that it threw up sprays of variegated colours, which sparkled in the "rays" of light around. Round the basin of the fountain are arranged rows of plants in tubs and pots which added to the prettiness of the surroundings. On the borde of the grand circle were arranged a range o shops of the first class for the sale of jewellery, watches, toys, and fancy goods of all descriptions. Flanking from the grand circle, were laid out streets, north and south, which were illuminated with festoons and stars of coloured lights, and on the borders of which were laid out shops, similar to those in the grand circle, but of the second order Proceeding east ward the visitor entered another circle, within which teas wer consideraly provided for those inclined to rest. To the north of the tower is constructed a maze, the intricacies of which are sure to provide ample amusement for up-country folks. At the end of the stalls of the second class, there is another circle, in the middle of which is the Royal Bar Refreshment-room. Round this circular space there are eight mandaps affording accommodation for the exhibition of Indian art work, magic lanterns panoramas of Coronation views, Indian statues, wrestling, native musicians gods of the Hindu pantheon, a skittle table, fish ponds, a cinematograph, and various other amusemes for the public. There is a small circular span appropriated for a "Floral Bower," which is managed by the well-known florist, Mr. H. A. Dubasa The bower is in the shape of an octagonal pyramid and is surrounded by festoons, carefully put up at a height of about ten feet from the ground. To the south of the Floral Bower is erected a refreshment room called the Coronation Bar. There is also a special refreshment bar for Hindus of orthodox principles, in which sweet-m eats of the most approved style are sold by a Hindu confectioner There are thus over five principal restaurants conducted in approved style by Messrs. Morenas and Co., Mr. F. Cornaglia, Messrs. D. Byramjee and Co. Mr. Framjee R. Confectioner, Mr. Ardasir. Jamsetji, Mr. Oomrigar and others.

A CAKE CHANTANT.

In addition to these amusements, there is a Cafe Chantant under the management of Mr. Seymour Dove, who has secured the assistance of most of the leading vocalists and musicians of the city, and who has also the assistance of Miss Rene Reel, the clever young lady of nine years, whose singing and dancing were highly spoken of at the St. James's Hall, London; Mrs. Dove's Mandolin Band; Miss Lizzie Donnelly, the accomplished skirt dancer, etc, Coon songs, and chorus songs, with dancing, are also introduced, providing a rare fun of amusement for all, with a string band from 9 o'clock.

THE SPIRAL TOBOGGAN.

Further on to the east, near the junction of the Cruickshank and the Waudby Roads, the visitor comes upon the most prominant and interesting features of the fair—a high circular ornamented frame work enclosing what is called the Spiral Toboggan—the first of its kind in India. It is about 60 feet high and 190 feet in diameter. It consists of small open cushioned trollies, secured with iron bars, each giving accommodation for six persons, who are taken to the top of the structure, by means of an elevator, as if in a spiral railway. From this height the riders came down at high speed, in three scrolls, along a length of about 3,000 running feet, taking a switch downward and coming to the platform station across an overbridge, which bads to the other end of the Toboggan, affording the greatest amusement to the riders. The whole structure of the Toboggan is coloured, decorated and lighted at the top with electric light and fes, toons. In the space surrounding the Toboggan is a road, forty feet wide, which is lighted with festoons and stars, and leads to the junction of the Cruickshank and Waudby Roads. In the central yard of the Toboggan is a refreshment bar conducted by Mr. F. Cornaglia, which promises to be liberally patronised.

THE CROWDS AT THE FAIR.

Large masses of the citizens of all classes and denominations, rich and poor—men, women, and children—visited the fair from the afternoon till a late hour at night. The crowds were orderly and bent upon amusement, and the police had no great trouble in keeping them from harm's ways Members of the poorer classes, especially new arrivald from mofussil towns, enjoyed the wonders and attractions of the fair to their hearts' content till a late hour. The shopkeepers at the fair did a fair amount of business, and they had no reason to be dissatisfied with result of their first day's operation at the fair,

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot. 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF 12TH DECEMBER.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer Arabis, Captain J. L. Parfitt, R. N. R., arrived in harbour yesterday morning with the English Mails of the 12th December. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Brooke, Mr T
Thompson, Mr C
Ramsay, Miss A N
Lyttelton, Hon Spencer
Mempes, Mr and Miss
Bashman, Gen and Mrs
Coates, Mrs and infts
Llangattock, Baron and Lady
Joseph, Mr and Mrs
Butler, Miss
Powis, Lady
Muir, Miss C
Hogg, Lieut
Cook, Mr C
Sutterby, Mr F
French-Mullen, Miss
Steinberg, Mrs
Scott, Rev J
Brett, Mr J
Hughes-Hallet, Mrs
Newcombe, Miss
Lucas, Mr C
Matthews, Mrs J A
Goldsmith, Mrs
Parkinson, Mr J C
Hugues, Mrs D E
Will, Lieut and Mrs
Daniell, Capt F
Adams, Miss K
Goriett, Capt and Mrs
Gurdon, Mrs
Lugard, Miss
Beddy, Mr E
Gadney, Rev A
Hall, Miss
Frideaux, Mr and Mrs
Stanley, Miss
Brains, Miss
Davies, Miss
Williamson, Mr and Mrs
Carleton, Miss
Jordan, Miss E A
Jordan, Mr A J
Rankin, Miss M
Bosse, Miss
Gill, Mr
Johnson, Mrs and Miss
Campbell, Capt J
Swifte, Cond
Bastine, Mrs
Kensbett, Mr and Mrs
Holmes, Mr S
Davison, Capt
Byramji, Mr
Warren-Jones, Miss
Gee, Maj, Mrs and child
Cave, Miss C
Roberts, Mrs
Underwood, Miss
Bushell, Mr and Mrs
Moore, Mr G
Cock, Miss

FROM MARSEILLES.

Evans, Mr and Mrs
Evans, two Misses
Bulter, Mrs and infant
Ivans, Mrs and two daughtes
Goldstream, Mr
Graham, Mr St John
Graham, Mr C W N
Ketteridge, Mr J
Grossman, Mr and Mrs
Grossman, Mrs and Miss
Harris, Miss M L
Bird, Mr and Mrs
Cone, Mr T S
Crewe, Earl and Countess
Rich, Major and Mrs
Green, Mr and Miss
Harris, Miss
Vincent, Sir Edgar
Davey, Lord and Lady
Dickson-Poynder, Sir and Lady
Portland, Duke and Duchess
Seymour, Lord and Miss
Maier, Lady
Curzon, Hon F N
Pemberton, Mr W
Craigie, Mrs
Harbord, Col Hon C and Mrs
Ruston, Capt H M
Goldie, Sir G
Grenfell, Mrs A
Gilmour, Col and Lady
Howdfort, Dowager Marchioness
Taylour, Lady B
Elphinstone, Hon L
Baird, Miss
Arbuthnot, Mrs
Herbert, Miss
Durham, Earl of
Lambert, Lady
Armitage, Rev and Mrs
Burton, Capt A K
Shaw, Mr and Mrs
Pott, Capt
Parker, Mr and Mrs
Lawe, Mr H C
Macnamara, Lieut C
Tennant, Mr and Mrs
Pollard, Lieut-Col W
Bomanjee, Mr and Mrs
Powis, Lord
Arbuthnot, Mr C
Hesse, H R H the Duke
Kraemar, Capt, A-D-C
Bassenbach Baron
Warden, Mr and Mrs
Reid, Mr E T
Seaman, Mr O
Pole, Miss Chandos
Bridges, Miss
Aldridge, Major
Kemp, Miss
Silcock, Mrs
Lindsay, Capt and Mrs
Youngusband-Watson, Mrs
Moos, Mr and Mrs
De la Saile, Mr and Mrs
Marlboro' Duchess
Davies, Col A H
Muller, Prof O V
Beale, Capt M
Sterne, Mr L
Hormusji, Mr
Bhungara, Mr
Davys, Mr A M
Henderson Major T H
Scarborough, Earl
Lalcaca Mr B L
Scott, Lieut J
Hull, Miss E G
Gastrei, Mrs
Murray, Mrs
Eales, Mr and Mrs
Brise, Sir E R
Lowsey, Mr T
Parson, Mr G
Hodgson, Mr R C
Mowbray, Sir R
Whitlaw, Maj
Stephenson, Mr
Aslett, Mr A H
Solomon, Sir R and Lady and Miss
Secretary
Von Wachter Major-Genl
Scarson Mr and Mrs
Drummond, Major and Mrs
Weston, Mr E
Turner, Mrs M C
Campbell, Mr J D
James, Maj and Mrs
Foy, Miss
Ivens, Mr and Mrs
Welch, Mr W
Melver, Mr J
Stanley, Lord and Lady
Rahman, Mrs E S
Goodacre, Mr W
Goodall, Mr H M
Stevenson, Mr and Mrs
Edwards, Mr H J
Adamson, Mrs
Cockburn, Miss and two children
Kachman, Mr G S
India, Mr
Henshaw, Lieut-Col
Stainton, Mr
Peacocke, Mrs
Butler, Miss
Watkins, Mr E
Tevers, Major O G
Baddeley, Major and Mrs
Sharman, Captain E H
Gisborne, Miss
Pollock, Mrs
Riley, Mr J H
Williams, Mr C
Ballacharji, Mr
Bruce Mrs and Miss
Renshaw, Mr and Lady
Ashruff, Mr
Greaves, Mr S E
Peel, Hon J
Yule, Mr D
Elcho, Lord
Marlborough, Duke
MacNaughton, Miss
Cochrane, Capt
Tunbridge, Mrs and infts
Wolridge-Gordon, Major
Hicks-Beach, Miss
Lloyd, Mr G W A
Rhodes, Col F
James, Mr
Croxon, Mr
Walker, Miss E
Peckham, Mr and Mrs
Abrahams, Paymaster

FROM GIBRALTER.

Real Mrs Corte and 2 daughters
Vieira, Mrs and 2 sons
Gomes, Mrs and Miss

FROM BRINDISI.

Scerval, Mr
Wynter, Dr

FROM PORT SAID.

Hicks-Beach, Sir M and Lady
Cebastopol, Mr
Hicks-Beach, Mr
Amamiarty, Mrs
Maguire, Mr and Mrs
Fowler, Mr H and son
Sheldon, Mr
Houghton, Capt
Errington, Lord

FROM ADEN.

Delemain, Mrs and infts
Delamain, Major W S
Mitchell, Capt W

ENGLISH VERSUS AMERICAN MACHINERY IN CHINA.

In the early part of the year an announcement under the above heading went the rounds of the English and Colonial newspaper press bearing upon the unjustifiable attack on a section of the English Press of constantly belauding, at every opportunity, the american Manufacturer, and his methods, to the detriment of the British Manufacturer, and an instance was then given to illustrate the ability of the Britisher in the branch of industry, at least to hold his own, and to beat his American rivals. The instance was that of a large Flour Mill Contract secured in China by an old firm of English Milling Engineers in competition with American Makers, in which case the English Firm was better both in price and time for delivery. We now learn that the whole Plant was delivered within the time specified, ten weeks; and that the proprietors were so pleased with the results obtained in working the mill, that they have placed the contract for another similar Mill, also for North China, with the same English Firm, viz;— Messrs E.H.& F. Turner, Ltd of Ipswich.

In the meantime the same Firm has scored again in the same Market over their American rivals, having recently secured a complete Flour Mill contract for another Firm of Chinese Millers,—in the competition for which the American was beaten on all counts.

In the face of examples such as the above perhaps some of our Friends of the English Press, who have shown such readiness to advertise the excellence of our competitors, and to decry our own manufactures, will begin to realise that there may be a reverse to their picture,

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, DEC. 26.

Friday.—Pressure has risen generally and is now normal or in excess over the whole Indian region, except in East Bengal and Burma Coast where it is in slight to moderate defect. Skies are cloudy in Burma and south of the Peninsula. The only rain reported is light showers at Cuddalore and Negapatam. Skies continue cloudy and conditions are slightly unsettled in Peria, but no definite disturbance has as yet formed in that region and no rain has yet fallen. Fine clear weather with unusually low temperature prevails in North-West and Coastal India and Baluchistan. The lowest minimum temperature reported on the plains last night was 27 degrees a Rawalpindi.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 5 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 26TH DECEMBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has risen generally. The rise has been brisk in many places. Gradients are steep.

Winds are cyclonic on the Coromandel Coast and very variable in direction elsewhere. The force has been moderate to light.

Temperature over the north of India is cooler t n usual. The temperature ranged from 90° at Coo n to 32° at Lahore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to over cast at Mangalore, Bellary, Cuddapah, Ma dras Coimbatore and Negaptam. Humidity changes are unimportant.

Rain.—Light rain has fallen at Negapatam.

Weather to the S. E. of Madras in the Bay appears to be equally and unsettled. Elsewhere it is fine and settled. In the extreme south of the Peninsula cloud is increasing and local rain appears likely.

E. A. KENYON,

Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. on Thursday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	0	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	7	8	25
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Faraswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbarwada	6	5	25
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalaxmi	3	3	12
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	4	4	28
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	3	4	6
G Mahim and Worlee	0	0	8
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	3
Total	24	24	111
Same date last year	35	19	113

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	5
B Mandvi, Chukala, Umarkhadi and Dongri	5	3	18
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Faraswady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbarwada	4	3	16
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	8
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	7	5	22
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	1	0	3
G Mahim and Worli	0	2	4
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	8
Total	17	13	84
Total plague deaths to date	121,849	101,287	
Same date last year	27	27	114

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

THE INDIAN VOLUNTEER CORONATION CONTINGENT in the House of commons on Friday, Dec. 5, Sir Seymour King asked the Secretary of State for India whether he has made inquiries and is now in a position to say whether Government servants who took privilege leave in order to join the Indian Volunteer contingent which came home for the Coronation have been informed that they will not receive any pay for the extra period of their detention at home in consequence of the King's illness; and, if so, on what ground this decision has been arrived at.

Lord George Hamilton: An inquiry has been addressed to the Government of India respecting this matter, and I expect to receive their reply very shortly.

THE FINANCES OF HYDERABAD.

Mr. Herbert Roberts asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether an understanding has been arrived at between the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Viceroy of India with reference to the finances of Hyderabad; and whether he is in a position to make a statement as to the reforms which, in the opinion of the Government of India, are required in the administration of that Indian State.

Lord George Hamilton: I have no knowledge of any understanding between the Government of India and the Nizam as to the finances of the Hyderabad State, but an agreement has been arrived at as to the Hyderabad assigned districts, papers relating to which I hope soon to be able to lay upon the Table.

THE WAZIRI EXPEDITION.

Mr. Herbert Roberts asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether he will state what was the original cause of the expedition against the Waziris, and what are the conditions to be imposed with the view of preventing such outbreaks in future; whether he can give the approximate number of troops engaged in the expedition; and whether these hostilities will necessitate any permanent addition to the military expenditure of the Government of India.

LORD George Hamilton: The cause of the expedition is that serious attacks, three of which have occurred in the last six months, have been made on militia and police posts along this section of the border. The conditions to be imposed on the tribes are; Prohibition of towers which they use for offence and defence, fines, expulsion of outlaws, and the construction of a road through the territory concerned. The force employed aggregates about 2,400 men and 10 mountain guns. The operations will not involve any permanent addition to military expenditure.

WARLIKE STORES FOR CABUL.

On Dec. 8 Sir Lewis Mclver asked the Secretary of State for India whether he could explain why supplies of warlike stories for Cabul, ordered by the late Ameer and forwarded by his agent in London, had been detained for many months at Peshawur, while similar goods from Krupp's firm in Germany, including heavy guns, had been allowed to be sent on to Cabul,

Lord George Hamilton: Permission to import the Krupp guns in question was given to the late Ameer by the Government of India in May 1901 at his Highness's request. These munitions of war are, therefore, not on the same footing as those ordered elsewhere. As to the latter, the Ameer is in correspondence with the Government of India.

CRIMEAN WAR AND INDIAN MUTINY PENSIONS.

Mr. Flrie asked the Secretary of State for War Can he state the number of non-commissioned officers and of privates respectively who have served in the Crimean war and Indian Mutinis receiving pensions for such ervice at the present time, and the total amount received by them.

Mr. Secretary Brodric: The number of men drawing special campaign pensions was on September 30 3,091, and the total received by them amounted to £1,850 a year. These figures do not include men drawing ordinary pensions who may have served in the Crimea and Indian Mutiny and whom it would be impossible to trace without going laboriously through all the records.

THE COST OF OFFICERS' CHARGERS.

Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary of State for India; Whether his attention has been called to the fact that the cost of keeping chargers for officers of the Royal Horse Art, and others is greater in India than in this country, and that owing to the strain placed on horses in India by the manœuvres and by the climates the risks of death and injury to horses in India are greater than at home; and whether, in view of the fact that officers of the Royal Horse Art, and others serving in this country will, under a recent Army Order, be provided with two chargers free of cost, the Government of India will take steps to grant a similar benefit to officers of the Royal Horse Art, and others serving in India.

Lord G. Hamilton: I am informed that no Army Order has yet been issued on the subject of the, honourable member's question. If and when such an order is issued it will be communicated in ordinary course to the Government of India, with whom it will rest to make whatever recommendation they may consider desirable in consequence.

THE LOCATION OF INDIAN TRADES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, Mr. Herbert Roberts asked the Postmaster General, as representing the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether he will give the purport of the communication to the Pretoria Chamber of Commerce regarding the location of Indian traders.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain (for the Secretary of State for the Colonies): No such communication as the one to which he refers to has been received at the Colonial Office.

THE QUARTERING OF REGIMENTS ON RETURN FROM INDIA.

Mr. Heywood Johnstone asked the Secretary of State for War whether he will state when the 2nd batt. of the Royal Sussex Regt. is due to arrive from India; and if, after service in a hot climate, it is to be quartered at Shorncliffe, and in buildings of well-known type; and if he will consider the possibility of quartering regiments returning from service in hot countries in barracks and stations not involving such changes of temperature, and consequent discomfort to all ranks.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick: The 2nd batt Royal Sussex Regt. is due to arrive in England in March next. It is to be quartered at Shorncliffe as affording the nearest available accommodation to its territorial district. The allotment of the particular barrack is in the hands of the local general officer commanding. There are three blocks of barracks at Shorncliffe, two of brick and one of very good barrenete of galvanised iron lined with wood.

CONTAMINATED PLAGUE SERUM.

On Dec. 11 Mr. Weir asked the Secretary of State for India: If he will state how many deaths have recently occurred in the Punjab through natives having been inoculated with contaminated plague serum; and will he say how many weeks elapsed before the use of this serum was arrested, and who is responible for its issue to the medial staff.

Lord George Hamilton: Certain changes, stated to be in accordance with the recommendations of the plague Commission, were recently made in the manufacture of plague serum in the Plague Research Laboratory, Bombay, by the director with the object of expediting manufacture reducing the dose, and increasing protective efficiency. On complaints reaching the Government of the Punjab from the inoculating staff that certain bottles of the fluid thus prepared had been found to be putrid, that Government, on Nov. 1, directed its discontinuance, after it had been in use for exactly a month. At that date only two suspicious deaths had been reported, but subsequently to the issue of the order I regret to say that 21 others occurred, 19 ensuing from the use of one particular bottle. The doctor using this bottle had offered to inoculate himself first, but the villagers accepted inoculation without this, no official pressure being employed. A thorough inquiry is being made as to the cause of the contaminated serum and the precise degree of responsibility attaching to the officers concerned, and I have requested that the results may be telegraphed to me without delay. Inoculation has now been resumed with the fluid as previously used, under special precautions as to purity. The temper of the people is reported to be excellent. The Viceroy has authorised the Punjab Government to grant compensation to the families of the sufferers.

THE PAYMENT OF REVENUE, &c., IN SOVEREIGNS.

Sir Edward Sassoon asked the Secretary of State for India: If he will state how many sovereigns, since the were made legal tender at 15 rs., have been paid into the Indian Government's treasuries in respect of land revenue, customs, and other taxes; and the number of those coins paid out, during the same period, in lieu of 15 rs. by the Indian Government for its local purchases of public works material and other stores, for salaries, interests, and other State obligations.

Lord George Hamilton: I regret that the information which the hon. member desires is not available.

THE REPORT OF THE IRRIGATION COMMISSION.

Mr. Wylie asked the Secretary of State for India If he will say when the report of the Commission on Irrigation will be presented to the House.

Lord George Hamilton: It is not possible to state when the report of the Commission on Irrigation will be presented to the House as it has not yet been submitted to the Government of India but I have some reason to hope that the complete report may be in the hands of that Government before the end of February.

YACHT GODWIT.

MR. SCOVELL'S Yacht Godwit, which arrived a Algiers on the 26th November was detained there for five days during the continuance of the gale which forced her to run into that port for shelter. Starting on the 2nd December and after a run of 250 miles in thirty-two hours, she had to take shelter one more at Bone, where she had to remain three days, again owing to stress of weather. Leaving Bone on the 6th of December, the Godwit reached Malta on the 9th. News by cable of her arrival at Port Said is now daily expected.

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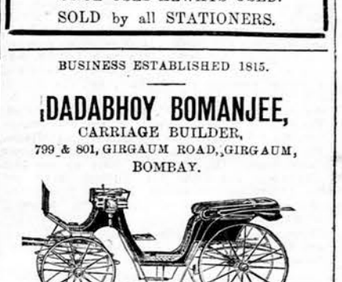

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A FORTUNE AT THE BAR.

The lawyers have been earning big fees of late, and it may not be uninteresting to recall the income of perhaps the most successful lawyer of our time. In the last full working year before he became Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Russell earned nearly a thousand pounds every fortnight. In four months of 1894, before he ascended to the bench, Lord Russell's income was over ten thousand pounds, the total for 1893 being £22,517. In 1892 the total reached £16,299; in 1891, £13,783; in 1890, £16,077; in 1889, £17,913; in 1888, £14,028; and in 1887, £9,651. In six years, therefore, this famous lawyer earned a hundred thousand pounds—in spite of the Irish slogan which [illegible] told him would "spoil the game a year." I would not give it up for the two hundred [illegible] Irishman.

THE LAWYER'S JOKE.

A favourite story of the late Mr. Montagu Williams comes to mind of two members of the Bar who could both command good incomes, but one of whom worked hard to make a fortune while the other was satisfied with a reasonable income and a fair share of the enjoyments of life. The two met, and the rich man asked the other what he had been doing. "Been on the Continent, and had had a capital holiday. "I have been working," said the wealthy Q.C., "and have not been out of town at all. I had too much to do." "What is the use of it?" asked the other, rather scornfully and with a touch of blasphemy; "you can't carry it away with you when you die, and if you could it would melt!"

THE DAILY PUBLIC.

Mr. Balfour's attack on Dr. Clifford's style brings to mind another lawyer story, which is perhaps good enough to quote without any topical excuse. Sergeant Wilkins is famed for a style of rhetoric which would have commended itself to Mr. Balfour as little as that of Dr. Clifford, and the Sergeant found himself one day opposed to a lawyer whose speech was light and whose darling wit was the terror of witnesses and of his professional brethren who appeared opposed to him in Court. In the case in question Sergeant Wilkins poured out his most ponderous and pompous phrases, and when he had sat down the opposing counsel rose, fixed his eyes sternly on the exhausted Sergeant Wilkins, and began his address to the jury with the words: "Now the Burly Burly's done!"

HIS OWN OBITUARY.

The Colorado [illegible] wrote his own funeral sermon to be read at his graveside [illegible] day had [illegible] to be read at most [illegible] examples of [illegible] eccentricity. There appeared [illegible] week or two ago a letter from an [illegible] man whose epitaph has already been placed on the tombstone over the grave in which he is to lie when he has written his last letter to the "Times"; and sometime a year or two ago there appeared in a London newspaper an obituary notice written by the man to whom it referred. A young man at Bath last Easter called at a newspaper office and paid for the insertion of a notice of his own death, and straightway shot himself; and a suicide in London last year called before shooting himself at an undertaker's and tried to arrange his own funeral.

THE AWKWARD QUESTION.

The awkward question, "Is a double who is now remanded on a charge which he denies, the same man, whom he closely resembles, has a parallel in a Irish case which came before the Irish Court of Queen's Bench two years ago. An Irishman claimed for administration of the estate of his brother, who had not been heard of for some years. Leaving Ireland in 1873, he had enlisted in the United States Army, where he served five years. In 1888 he was arrested on a charge of murdering his wife and child in North Carolina thirteen years before. The portraits of the two men bore an almost incredible resemblance; even the names were curiously alike—Parton and Porter—and both men had lost a middle finger. The Irishman proved an alibi, and the mistake was made clear, but the strain unbalanced his mind, and he has not been heard of since.

LORD LONDONDERRY'S "DEPUTATION."

Lord Londonderry will sympathise with the sorrows of the unlucky Irishman. During an election in Ireland, where Lord Londonderry, as Lord Castlereagh was standing as a Unionist, it was reported that the candidate had given a definite pledge to a deputation that he would vote for Home Rule. Lord Hartington referred to the matter in the House of Commons, and the "new convert" was one of the men of the hour. Some days afterwards, to the bewilderment of everybody concerned, Lord Castlereagh denied that he had ever seen a deputation on Home Rule! It transpired that his lordship had been personated by a supporter bearing a remarkable resemblance to him, who had deliberately practised the trick in order to win Home Rule support for his favourite candidate. The incident led to an explanation in Parliament which was looked forward to with the greatest interest at the time.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.

London will lose a building consecrated by many famous scenes when St. James's Hall disappears, as is seemed to disappear, to make way for something halfway between a restaurant and a palace, the building of which, we are told, is to run up a bill of seven figures.

St. James's Hall, which [illegible] Parties, [illegible] and one sees the most remarkable combination for the capital, has played its part, too, in the politics of our generation. Given another five years of life it would have lived to keep its golden jubilee, and throughout these many years the great hall has been the scene of many historic gatherings, the Mecca of reformers, the resort of all sorts and conditions of men with a cause to espouse, a protest to utter, a grievance to declare. The first public dinner in the hall was that in the summer of 1858, when a generous testimonial was presented to Sir F. P. Smith, who had introduced the screw propeller into the Fleet; and since then no great agitation has been complete which has not been focussed on the platform of St. James's Hall.

A CHAMBERLAIN INCIDENT.

It was here that Mr. Chamberlain appeared on an occasion in his career which has been the [illegible] of much controversy. Almost exactly thirty years ago, St. James's Hall, he was present as a [illegible] representative of the Birmingham Republican Club, [illegible] often been quoted [illegible] the Colonial Secretary [illegible] Republicans, but Mr. Chamberlain has explained his position at the congress in the clearest possible way. He was present as a delegate from the Birmingham Liberal Association and the Central Nonconformist Association, and it was only at the last moment, at the request of the Republican Club, that he consented informally to represent the Republicans. "There is some misapprehension," he said some time after, "attaching to the statement that I represented a Republican Club. It is true I agreed to appear as a delegate, but I was not a member of the Club, which was of no importance in Birmingham, and their proposal that I should represent them was made without my knowledge."

"FOR THE SAKE OF NAME."

It was at this meeting in St. James's Hall that Mr. Chamberlain made one of his first [illegible] utterances in favour of Imperialism. Two years before he had supported a resolution expressing sympathy with the French Republic on having got rid of an empire "founded on murder and continued in fraud," and going on to say that there was no difference between our country and a Republic and that a Republic was "bound to come to England." But Mr. Chamberlain, almost immediately after his appearance at St. James's Hall, explained that though he held, "as very few intelligent people did not hold, that the best form of Government for a free and enlightened people is that of a Republic, he was not prepared to enter into an agitation to upset the existing state of things for the sake of a name. His remark thought of Mr. Chamberlain as a Republican so late as 1882, but Mr. Chamberlain had taken many opportunities before then of correcting this impression of his views.

WHERE DICKENS READ "PICKWICK."

Charles Dickens made his last public appearance on the platform of St. James's Hall. His readings here [illegible] no doubt, hastened the breakup which came [illegible] suddenly at last. Dickens was enthusiastic in reading [illegible] to [illegible] here, [illegible] the first series of lectures in [illegible] Martin's Hall had been burnt [illegible] gratuitously to a friend: "On the 15th [illegible] the reading as I proposed. We had between [illegible] and sixty pounds in the stalls, which, at [illegible] piece, is something quite unprecedented [illegible] The result of the six was that, after [illegible] staff of men and all other charges, and [illegible] ten per cent. on the receipts, and [illegible] nothing destroyed in the fire at St. [illegible] (including all our tickets, country [illegible] boxes, books, and a quantity of gas-[illegible] which cost not [illegible] got upwards of £300. A very great result. "St. James's Hall was quite a splendid [illegible] he wrote again [illegible] two more Tuesdays [illegible] shall retire into private life."

WHO USED TO LIVE FOR.

[illegible] still be many people who heard Dickens [illegible] Sir Squire Bancroft has given us his [illegible] reading which the novelist was per-[illegible] before a company of actors: "Two [illegible] audiences thronged the large hall. We were seated in the front row of chairs and plainly saw the tears provoked by the wonderful reception the actors [illegible] sions directly he stepped upon the platform. [illegible] who knew him often said he read as if inspired [illegible] he never [illegible] a finer audience. We all [illegible] spell-bound under [illegible] powers, and [illegible] the lapse of many years [illegible] those he so quickly in their turn aroused like in the [illegible] and will on there quite vividly while we have life. [illegible] nge times these make one grateful to have, even for a few brief hours, fallen under the influence of his genius."

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE EDUCATION BILL.

The real beginnings of the Education Bill, which is [illegible] safely through the House of Commons, have been the subject of much discussion, and the origin of the measure is not likely to become much clearer on [illegible] versions. But there is some ground for a story which is clearer than the origin of the Home Rule Bill, concerning which there has not yet been told, and which traces, if not the origin of the Bill, at any rate the suggestion of its main principle, to Nottingham. A year or two ago, before the Government had [illegible] on its plate for dealing with educati[illegible], the local [illegible] of Nottingham found themselves [illegible] relief with a situation which was at that time [illegible] was then unexpected. It was nothing less [illegible] a proposal to abolish the School Board.

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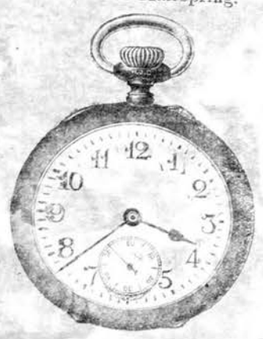

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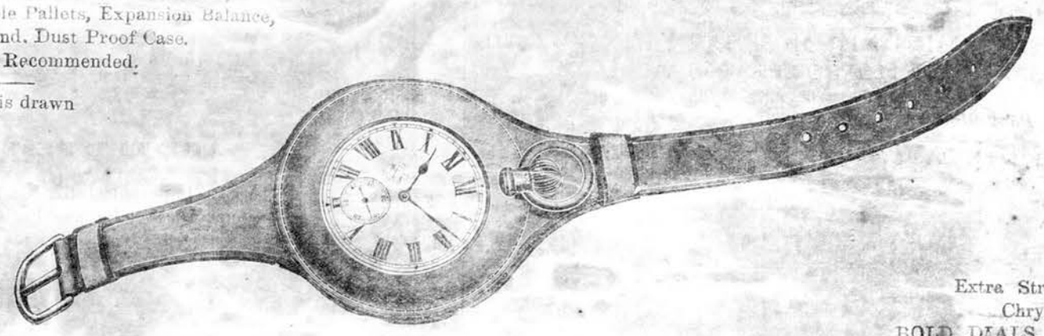

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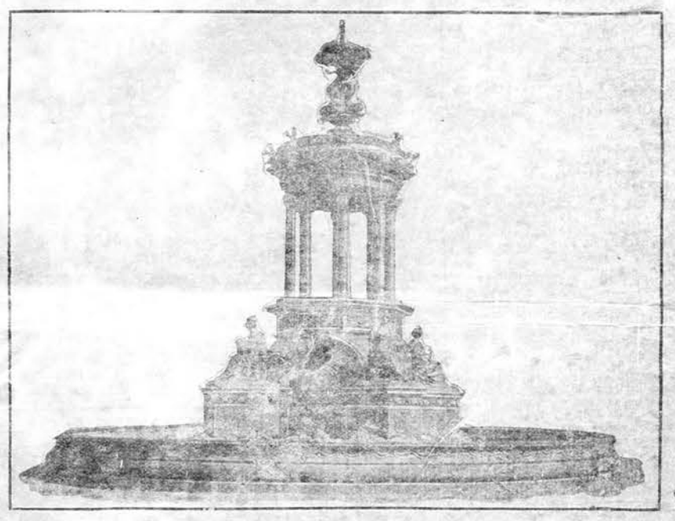

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